

Keeping the park beautiful ⁷⁻³

The Rutland Garden Club would like to thank Justin Duby, Tracy Grant, and Justeen Kelley of the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County; 4-H's Kayla and Sarah Hillier; and Rotarians Paula Baker and Chuck Rose for the fine job they did in designing and planting their organizations' respective annual beds in Depot Park. What a wonderful community service these clubs performed. The beds, located to the left and right of the flag, are truly the icing on the cake to the beautification of Depot Park.

The Rutland Garden Club would also like to thank the community at large for their hands-on help earlier this spring and for their continuing support in keeping the park looking nice. Anyone who would like to sign up for "Keep It Looking Gorgeous" duty (one or two-week stints) please call Brenda Isaacs at 773-8792.

BRENDA ISAACS
(Rutland Garden Club)
Rutland

Zero Gravity event

Zero Gravity Skatepark will host an Aggressive Skaters Association Amateur Circuit event today beginning at noon. All interested skaters may register between 9-11 a.m. The entry fee is \$35 and all skaters must be ASA members. The cost for an annual membership is \$10 and may be purchased or renewed at the site.

All in-line skaters are welcome to compete. Classes for men and women include 12-and-under, open or expert.

Rutland Rec holds summer day camp ⁷⁻⁴

The Rutland City Recreation Department has an ongoing summer Day Camp Program.

Students going into grades 1-3 will attend Camp Danamore, located at the Dana Recreation Center, and those going into grades 4-6 will attend Camp Pine Hill, located at Northwest School and Giorgetti Park.

Session II runs from July 3-14 and has a theme, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles."

Session III is from July 17-28 with the theme "Save the Planet."

The final session is from July 31-Aug. 11 with the theme of "Bug's Life."

All the camps are well-staffed

Thursday's Events

Pro Baseball
Staten Island at Vermont Expos, 7 p.m.
American Legion Baseball
(All games at 6 p.m.)

Chester at Bellows Falls
Brattleboro at Fair Haven
Bennington at Rutland
Windsor at Hartford
South Royalton at Barre
Essex at Franklin
Waterbury at Addison
Champlain at Montpelier

Adult Softball

Wednesday's Games
Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. B.E. McGee, JFC
Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Fria's/Over Easy, MF
Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Andrea's Pizza, MN
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Zemo's, GIO
Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Nalters, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Olie's vs. Palms, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: VAC vs. Center St. Saloonatics, MS 8:50 p.m.

Dance Lesson ⁷⁻⁵

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dances lesson, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

40th Army Band

Rutland, Vermont's 40th Army Band performs concert in Main Street Park, features popular and patriotic American favorites, 7-9 p.m., free and open to the public, rain location is Rutland Armory across the street from the park.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, 7-5

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge ⁷⁻⁵
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853. ⁷⁻⁴

Monday's Events

New York-Penn League
Vermont at Jamestown, 7:30 p.m.
Adult Softball
Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Jilly's, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's B: Parker's Classic vs. Brownstone II, JFC
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Jilly's Dogs, MF
Men's B: Cass/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Renegades, GIO
Men's D: Bizon Construction vs. All Lines, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: Tyler's Team vs. A Crust Above, MS 8:50 p.m. ⁸⁻⁹³

Today ⁷⁻³

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance
Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Adult Softball ⁷⁻¹⁰

Monday's Games
Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 8:50 p.m.
Women's C: Olliewood vs. Zemo's, MN
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Olie's, GIO
Men's D: Stoptight vs. Buccaneers, MS 6:30 p.m.
Men's D: VAC vs. Tyler's Team, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's D: American Legion vs. All Lines, JFC
Men's D: Brahma Bulls vs. A Crust Above, MF

Army Band offers free concert July 5

Vermont's own 40th Army Band will perform Wednesday, July 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Main Street Park as part of the Rutland Recreation Department's Seven to Sunset series.

In case of rain, the concert will move across West Street to the Rutland Armory.

The program, "The Music of America," will feature popular and patriotic American favorites, including Sousa marches, hits by the Beach Boys and Lee Greenwood, and a World War I medley.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Bathrooms will be available at the Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge ⁷⁻¹⁰

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

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THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2000

Wedding in the park



Newlyweds Ed Balch Jr. of Castleton and Michelle McHugh of Concord, N.H., kiss during their wedding ceremony in the bandstand of Main Street Park on Monday.

CHRISTIAN WIDEAWAKE / RUTLAND HERALD

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
 Poultny 5, Granville 3 — Hitting star: Cody Richards. Winning pitcher: Cody Richards.
 Post 31 5, Brandon-Pittsford 1 — Hitting star: Sean Horvath and Kyle Masse. Winning pitcher: Kyle Masse.
 Mill River 10, Manchester 5 — Winning pitcher: Tyler Davis. Hitting: Team effort.

Rutland County Sr. League
 Rutland VFW 6, Chester 3 — Winning pitcher: Jason Lincoln. Hitting: Team effort.
West Rutland Little League
 Braves 12, Indians 9 — Winning pitcher: Paul Amelang. Hitting: Team effort.

Adult Softball

Monday's Results

Women's C: Zemo's 15, Olliewood 3
 Men's B: Dart Mart 22, Ollie's 15
 Men's D: Stoptight vs. Buccaneers (double forfeit)
 Men's D: VAC 8, Tyler's Team 3
 Men's D: American Legion 13, All Lines 5
 Men's D: Brahma Bulls 9, A Crust Above 9

Tuesday's Games

Women's B: Wayne's Autobody vs. B.E. McGee, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Friar's/Over Easy, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Women's C: Jilly's vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
 Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Brownstone II, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Keith's II/Jilly's, MF
 Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Jilly's Dogs, GIO
 Men's D: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas, JFC

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth

Rutland Town 10, Ludlow 3. Winning pitcher: Greg Walleit. Hitting stars: Team effort.
 North Bennington 13, Manchester 8. Winning pitcher: Mike Weaver with 8 strikeouts. Hitting stars: Charlie Mull, Billy Bruneau and Weaver with three hits each.
 North Bennington 12, Ludlow 9 (Wednesday night). Winning pitcher: Billy Bruneau. Hitting stars: Bruneau (4-for-4), Mike Weaver and Charlie Mull (two hits each).
 Mill River 12, Rutland 5. Winning pitcher: Jesse Lawrence. Hitting stars: Team effort.
 Poultny 14, Castleton 5. Winning pitcher: Matt Sallis. Hitting star: Caleb Amaden.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Marble City Sextet

Rutland, Popular music in Main Street Park hosts Marble City Sextet, featuring improvised jazz with special guests, Mike Maratello and Ellen Powell, 7-9 p.m. free.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge

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Sunday

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

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Party Bridge

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Dance Lesson

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Wednesday's Results

Pro Baseball
 Oneonta 9, Vermont Expos 3
American Legion Baseball
 Rutland 14, Windsor 2
 Bennington 14, Chester 4 (six innings)
Rutland Adult Softball
 Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners 6, B.E. McGee 4
 Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Friar's/Over Easy, MF
 Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Andrea's Pizza, MN
 Women's C: Zemo's 4, Jilly's 2
 Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Nailers, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's B: Ollie's vs. Palms, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's D: VAC vs. Center St. Saloonatics, MS 8:50 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League

Rutland Town 8, Brandon-Pittsford 5 — Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Hitting stars: Greg Walleit, Dan Riler and Adam Root.
 Rutland VFW 13, Manchester 6 — Winning pitcher: Nate Graham. Hitting: Team effort.
Rutland County Junior League
 Fair Haven 8, Post 31 6 — Winning pitcher: Jake Adams. Hitting stars: Dustin Cummings, Seth Bourne and Mike Wood.

Rutland County Junior Babe Ruth

Rutland Town 13, Manchester 2. Winning pitcher: Bobby DeAngelis. Hitting star: Team effort.
 Poultny 9, Mill River 6. Winning pitcher: Cody Richards. Hitting star: Mike Welch.
 Rutland Town 5, Brandon 3. Winning pitcher: Bobby DeAngelis. Hitting stars: Greg Washburn, Mike Fredette, Tyson Auld.

West Rutland Little League

Yankees 6, Orioles 8. Winning pitcher: Matt Zawistowski. Hitting star: Team effort.
 Braves 16, Indians 9. Winning pitcher: Justin O'Rourke. Hitting star: Team effort.

Adult Softball

Monday's Results

Women's B: Friar's/Over Easy 2, B.E. McGee 1
 Women's C: Olliewood vs. Cass' Pub, 8:50 p.m.
 Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth 11, Ollie's Girls 10
 Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's 17, Muck's/Replay Sports 4
 Men's B: Cass'/Carey's Auto 16, Jilly's Roughnecks 11
 Men's D: Sebom's Paint 10, Tyler's Team 9
 Men's D: Center St. Saloonatics 9, All Lines 8

Tuesday's Games

Women's B: Jilly's vs. Wayne's Autobody, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine vs. Red Moon, MN
 Men's B: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Ollie's, JFC
 Men's B: Jilly's Dogs vs. Jilly's, MF
 Men's D: A-1s Above vs. Two Sheas, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's D: En Construction vs. Buccaneers, GIO

All-stars

The Rutland County Youth Baseball League will play its all-star games today at Giorgetti Park, with the Junior Division playing at 11 a.m. and the Senior Division playing at 2 p.m.

The league consists of teams from Rutland, Rutland Town, North Bennington, Brandon/Pittsford, Castleton, Fair Haven, Chester, Poultny, Manchester, Mill River, Ludlow and Granville, N.Y.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Tunes Concert

Rutland, Depot Park, Mike Sullivan Quartet, 12:30 p.m.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead polypour of dance lessons, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Seven to Sunset Series

Rutland, Popular music in Main Street Park hosts Marble City Sextet, featuring improvised jazz with special guests, Mike Maratello and Ellen Powell, 7-9 p.m. free.

Wednesday's Results

Senior Babe Ruth

Brandon Post 55 9, Rutland VFW 8. Winning pitcher: Tyler Dahlin. Hitting Stars: Paul Desabrais and Dahlin.

Junior Babe Ruth

Pittsford-Brandon 12, Rutland South 9. Winning pitcher: Kyle Bianchi. Hitting Stars: Geoffrey Phinney, Jason Clement and Michael Hansen.
 Poultny 16, Manchester 13. Winning pitcher: Caleb Amaden. Hitting Star: Mike Ellis.
 Granville 16, Manchester 13. Winning pitcher: Darren Dodge. Hitting Star: Nick Steves.

Noon Tunes start today downtown

Downtown Rutland Partnership's Noon Tunes Concert Series begins today.

The six-week series, in Depot Park, will kick off with the Mike Sullivan Quartet at 12:30 p.m.

The concert schedule is as follows: July 13, Mike Sullivan Quartet; July 20, Adam Rosenberg; July 27, Munday/Peterson; Aug. 3, Adam Rosenberg; Aug. 10, Rick Redington; and Aug. 17, Woodchuck's Revenge.

Adult Softball

Women's B: Jilly's 13, Jilly's Jags 8
 Women's C: Red Moon 5, Jilly's Bottom Fifth 7
 Men's B: Muck's/Replay Sports 13, Jilly's Roughnecks 12
 Men's C: Feds 17, Jilly's Devils 6
 Men's C: Mids/Mr. C's 9, Jilly's 4
 Men's D: Sanborn's Paint 13, Center St. Saloonatics 6

Senior Babe Ruth

Chester 7, Ludlow 6. Winning Pitcher: Jeremiah Blaisdell. Hitting Stars: Nick Batcheider and Justin Clough.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Senior Babe Ruth

Mill River 13, Bennington 10. Winning Pitcher: Aaron Lawrence. Hitting Stars: Johan Eslinger, Ryan Lawrence and Kyle Ames.

Junior Babe Ruth

Brandon-Pittsford 5, Rutland Post 31 2. Winning Pitcher: Adam Greeno. Hitting Stars: Greeno, Jeff Kamuda and Kyle Bianchi.
 Rutland Town Dodgers 25, Granville 10. Winning Pitcher: Dustin Kleefling. Hitting Stars: Team effort.

West Rutland Little League

Orioles 8, Yankees 5. Winning Pitcher: Thomas Cole. Hitting Star: Trevor Cassidy.

Adult Softball

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners 9, Friar's/Over Easy 4
 Women's C: Jilly's 8, Ryan, Smith & Carbine 7
 Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Brownstone II, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's B: Brownstone I 9, Keith's II/Jilly's 8
 Men's B: Jilly's Dogs 23, Jilly's Roughnecks 11

Wednesday's Games

Women's B: Two Sheas vs. FH Fitness/Ballards, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Women's C: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Cass' Pub, MN
 Men's B: Cass'/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's B: Parker's Classic vs. Palms, MF
 Men's D: Spud Lube vs. Bizon Construction, JFC
 Men's C: CJs vs. Ollie's, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's C: Magoo's vs. Friar's, GIO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Rutland Town Dodgers 3, Fair Haven 1 —
Winning pitcher: Steve Shortle. Hitting star:
Dustin Kleefisch.

Adult Softball

Monday's Games
Women's B: Friar's Over Easy vs. B.E. McGee,
MS 7:40 p.m.
Women's C: Olliewood vs. Cass' Pub, MS 8:50
p.m.
Women's C: Ollie's Girls vs. Jilly's Bottom Fifth,
MN
Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Muck's/Replay
Sports, JFC
Men's B: Cass'/Carey's Auto vs. Nailers, MF
Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. Tyler's Team, MS
8:30 p.m.
Men's D: Center St. Saloonatics vs. All Lines,

TODAY

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons
with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori,
7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center,
\$6 per couple; pre-registration not
required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band
performs concert in the bandstand
in Main Street Park, corner of South
Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Kilimanjaro July 19 in park

The Rutland City Recreation
Department will host
Kilimanjaro at its Wednesday
"Seven to Sunset" concert in
Main Street Park on July 19
from 7 to 9 p.m.

The concert is free and
open to the public.

This band has received
awards for Most Innovative
Album of the Year and Best
Jazz Album of the Year.

They have also received
international recognition
through appearances at Swit-
zerland's Montreux, Den-
mark's Roskilde, the Pont-
chartrain Jazz Festival in
Detroit and the Kool Jazz
Festival in New York.

Bathrooms will be available
at the Evergreen Center, 7
Court Square.

Rutland Regional Chorus

Rutland, directed by James
Cassarino, St. Peter's Church, 7:30
p.m., featuring works of Bach,
William Billings and Palestrina's
"Missa Iste Confessor," accompa-
nied by organist Alan Walker, free-
will offering.

Youth Leagues

Whitman's of North Bennington 18, Rutland
Town 9. Winning pitcher: Billy Bruneau. Hitting
stars: Bruneau (3-for-3, 3 runs), Kyle Becker 4-
4 (with two doubles and a triple).
Rutland VFW 8, Ludlow 0. Winning pitcher: Doug
Barnes. Hitting stars: Team effort.
Junior Babe Ruth
Rutland Town 11, Rotary South 8. Winning
pitcher: Daryl Wood. Hitting stars: Davey Turro,
Wood.
Rutland Town 7, Castleton 0 (forfeit).



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All that jazz

The Marble City Jazz Sextet plays
Wednesday in the bandstand at Main
Street Park in Rutland, and a large
crowd (above) takes advantage of the
mild evening to enjoy the perform-
ance. At right, Ace Leonard plays the
tenor saxophone. Below, the setting
sun gives Ellen Powell a halo as she
plays the stand-up bass.



Rutland Adult Softball
Men's D: Two Shea's 22, A Crust Above 3
Men's D: Bizon Construction 7, Buccaniers 0
(forfeit)

White's closed

Rutland's White's Pool will be
closed on Saturday, July 22 for
general swimming. It will be the
site of the District Swim Meet on
that day.

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate
Bridge Club plays at Godnick Cen-
ter, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call
Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Kilimanjaro Concert

Rutland, "Seven to Sunset" con-
cert, features award-winning Kil-
imanjaro, Main Street Park, 7-9
p.m., free and open to the public.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario
Liguori lead potpourri of dance les-
sons, includes line, contra, circle
and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick
Center, \$3, pre-registration not
required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers
at Dana Recreation Center, 39
Center St., 7-9 p.m., free.

Tennis

The Rutland Recreation
Department will hold the Dr.
Ralph Seely Memorial Tennis
Tournament, a doubles event,
July 29 and 30 at White's Park. It
will include four levels in the
men's, women's and mixed divi-
sions. The entry fee is \$20 per
team per division; the entry dead-
line is July 21. Entry forms are
available at the Dana Recreation
Center and the Godnick Adult
Center.

Rutland Historical Society Today

Flag football

There will be a flag football camp for players up to grade 8 held at Flaitz Field sponsored by the Rutland Parks & Recreation Department. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Players should pre-register at the Dana Recreation Center.

Tennis tourney

The entry deadline for the Dr. Ralph Seeley Memorial Tennis Doubles Tournament is July 21. The tournament will be held July 29-30 at White's Park.

There will be four levels for both men and women: Open, A, B and Seniors (50 and over). The A and B divisions are for Rutland County residents only. There is a limit of two divisions per player. There will be consolation rounds in all divisions.

The entry fee is \$20 per team/division. Entries should be sent to: Rutland Recreation and Parks; 39 East Center St. Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Tennis carnival

There will be a free Junior Tennis Carnival for boys and girls ages 5-15 on Thursday, Aug. 3 from 1-4 p.m. at White's Park. The event is sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department and the Vermont Tennis Foundation.

The carnival includes three hours of skills instruction, awards, prizes and refreshments for everyone. Tennis rackets are available.

Jonathan Reynolds, a junior at Rutland High School, will be competing in the shot put at the National Junior Olympics July 26-30 at the University of Buffalo.

He qualified to compete in the Nationals by placing fourth in the New England Junior Olympics in Providence, R.I., and later finishing in third in the Region 1 Junior Olympics at the University of Maine.

Reynolds competes for Rutland High as a member of the indoor and outdoor track teams and on the football team.

Gypsy Reel playing in city Depot Park

Central Vermont Public Service Corp. presents the second of three free concerts in the Depot Park Series on Friday, July 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Depot Park, downtown Rutland.

Gypsy Reel, known internationally and based in Vermont, perform high-energy acoustic music in the Celtic tradition, incorporating rhythms and influences from three continents.

The final concert in the series will be held Friday, Aug. 11, and will feature the powerful swing band, The Propellers.

THINGS TO DO

Noon Tunes Concerts

Rutland, Depot Park, Adam Rosenberg, 12:30 p.m.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Rutland Junior League

Rutland Expos 5, Manchester 2. Winning pitcher: Mike Kimball. Hitting star: Mike Senecal. Brandon-Pittsford 10, Castleton 4. Winning pitcher: Adam Greeno. Hitting stars: Mike Stanowski, Greeno.

Adult Softball

Wednesday's Games

Women's C: Jilly's 16, Sweet Tomatoes 4
Men's B: Palms vs. Brownstone II
Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Jilly's Renegades
Men's D: VAC vs. Brahma Bulls
Men's D: Speed Lube 22, Jilly's 10
Men's C: Midas/Mr. C's 7, Jilly's Devils 6
Men's C: Magoo's 7, Jilly's 13

Thursday's Games

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Two Sheas, MF
Women's B: Jilly's Jags vs. FH Fitness/Ballards, GIO
Women's C: Andrea's Pizza vs. Jilly's Pounders, MN
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Parker's Classic, JFC
Men's D: American Legion vs. Stoptight, MS
Men's C: Feds vs. Friars, MS 7:40 p.m.
Men's C: Viroz vs. Ollie's, MS 8:50 p.m.

Sunday

THINGS TO DO

City Band

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's B: FH Fitness/Ballards 28, Jilly's Jags 9
Women's C: Andrea's Pizza 7, Jilly's Pounders 0, forfeit
Men's B: Dart Mart 28, Parker's Classic 1
Men's D: American Legion 16, Stoptight 14
Men's C: Feds 17, Friars 3

Friday's Events

Futures Golf

Green Mountain National Futures Classic in Killington

New York-Penn League Baseball

Williamsport at Vermont, 7:05 p.m.

Youth Leagues

Senior Babe Ruth

Mill River 7, Brandon 1. Winning pitcher: Kyle Aines. Hitting star: Team effort.
Rutland Town 8, VFW 7. Winning pitcher: Greg Wallatt. Hitting stars: Seth Wilson, Anthony Bacon, Greg Lewis, Adam Root, Wallatt.

Junior Babe Ruth

Rutland Town Dodgers 18, Mill River 3. Winning pitcher: Dustin Kleefish. Hitting stars: Team effort.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, 773-1853.

Concert in Depot Park

Rutland, High energy Celtic music by Gypsy Reel, 7-9 p.m., 773-9380.

Soccer camp

The Rutland Recreation Department's Pre-Season Soccer Camp will be held Aug. 7 to 11 from 4:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Rutland High School's Alumni Field and gym. The camp is open to students entering grades 7-11.

The fee is \$65 for Rutland residents and \$72 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount through July 26 and an optional ball fee of \$10. Register at the Dana Recreation Center.

Tomorrow

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Adult Softball

Monday's Games

Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners vs. Jilly's, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Red Moon vs. Zemo's, MN 6:50 p.m.
Men's B: Ollie's vs. Brownstone II, MS 8:50 p.m.
Men's B: Jilly's Dogs vs. Palms, JFC
Men's D: Stoptight vs. All Lines, MF
Men's D: VAC vs. Sanborn's Paint, GIO
Men's C: Feds vs. Jilly's, MS 7:40 p.m.

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Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

'Three Way Street' to play Wednesday

The Rutland Recreation Department's "Seven to Sunset" series will feature "Three Way Street" on Wednesday, July 26, in Main Street Park from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Three Way Street" has been performing together for 15 years, touring New England's clubs, concert halls and outdoor events. The group has a diverse influence of styles including swing, American popular music from the 1930s through the 1970s, bluegrass, Cajun and blues.

The group consists of Lisa Brande on guitar, fiddle and vocals; Mark Trichka on mandolin, guitar and vocals; and Kevin Parry on lead guitar, harmonica and percussion. They are each founding members of various bands and all have been professional musicians since the 1970s.

Bathrooms will be available at the Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square, Rutland.

Aerobics courses starting on July 31

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering morning aerobics classes, taught by Susan Classen and Mary Ellen Conlon.

These classes are suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level. Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or a towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing. The classes will run Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

The first class starts July 31, and runs through Sept. 20. Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Fees are \$45 for residents, \$52 for non-residents.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Concert in Park

Rutland, Recreation Department's "Seven to Sunset Series" features Three Way Street in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dance lessons, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Post 31 10 Granville 4 — Winning pitcher: Rob Turner. Hitting stars: Kyle Jablonski, Todd Fordley and Jim Watson.
Fair Haven 17, Rutland Expos 4 — Winning pitcher: Dustin Cummings. Hitting: Team effort.

Rutland County Sr. League

Mill River 6, Chester 4 — Winning pitcher: Ryan Lawrence. Hitting star: Aaron Lawrence.

Tuesday's Results

New York-Penn League Baseball

New Jersey 11, Vermont 3

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's B: Friars/Over Easy 12, Jilly's Jags 3
Women's C: Ryan, Smith & Carbine 21, Jilly's Pounders 13
Men's B: Cass/Carey's Auto 14, Keith's II/Jilly's 9

Men's D: Buccaneers 12, Jilly's 7
Men's D: Two Sheas 11, Tyler's Team 8

Wednesday's Events

New York-Penn League Baseball

New Jersey at Vermont, 7:05 p.m.

Rutland Adult Softball

Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Wayne's Autobody, MS 6:30 p.m.
Women's C: Jilly's vs. Ollie's Girls, MN 8:50 p.m.
Men's B: Dart Mart vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, MS 8:50 p.m.

Men's B: Nailers vs. Jilly's, JFC
Men's D: Blizon Construction vs. American Legion, MF

Men's D: Center St. Salonatics vs. A Crust Above, GIO
Men's C: CJ's vs. Midas/Mr. C's, MS 7:40 p.m.

Monday's Results
 Women's B: Jilly's Roadrunners 10, Jilly's 1
 Women's C: Red Moon vs. Zemo's, MN
 Men's B: Olie's vs. Brownstone II, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's B: Jilly's Dogs 11, Palms 10
 Men's D: Stoptight 11, All Lines 9 (extra innings)
 Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. All Lines 9 (extra innings)
 Men's C: Feds 14, Jilly's 5

Tuesday's Games
 Women's B: Friar's/Over Easy vs. Jilly's Jags, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth vs. Olliewood, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Women's C: Jilly's Pounders vs. Ryan, Smith & Carbine, MN
 Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Parker's Classic, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's B: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Cass/Carey's Auto, JFC
 Men's D: Jilly's vs. Buccaners, MF 7:25

Vermont Horseshoe Pitchers Association
 2000 State Championship
 Bennington
 July 23, 2000

Men's Class A: 1. Gale Greene, 7-0; 2. Kevin Hollister, 6-1; 3. Leon O'Dell, 5-2.
 Men's Class B: 1. Bob DeJan, 5-1; 2. Frank Lengyel, 4-2; 3. Don Chamberlain, 4-2.
 Men's Class C: 1. Alan Curler, 7-0; 2. Mike George, 5-2; 3. David Trayah, 5-2.
 Women's Class A: 1. Debbie Brown, 7-1; 2. Bev Conger, 6-2; 3. Liz Dwyer, 5-2.
 Junior Boys: 1. Dwayne Trayah, 6-0; 2. Nick Preston, 5-1; 3. Scott Sealeck, 3-3.
 Junior Girls: 1. Meagan Bigelow, 4-2; 2. Melissa Bigelow, 2-4.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League Playoffs
 Fair Haven 19, Rutland Rotary South 7 - Winning pitcher: Jake Adams. Hitting: Team effort.
 Rutland Expos 7, Granville, 4. Winning pitcher: Mike Senecal. Hitting: Ricky Fredette, Josh Razanowski.
 Brandon-Pittsford 9, Manchester 8. Winning pitcher: Kyle Bianchi. Hitting: Jason Clement, Adam Greene.
 Rutland Rotary South 17, Mill River 7. Winning pitcher: Justin Pomykala. Hitting: Team effort.

Three Way Street

Rutland, Recreation Department's "Seven to Sunset Series" features Three Way Street in Main Street Park, 7-9 p.m. 1-26

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Noon Tunes Concerts
 Rutland, Depot Park, Monday/Paterson, 12:30 p.m.

Farmers Market
 Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Chess/Checkers
 Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free.

Vermont Amateur at Woodstock CC
Adult Softball
 Women's B: Jilly's vs. Jilly's Jags, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth vs. Red Moon, MN
 Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Cass' Pub, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's B: Jilly's vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, GIO
 Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. Center St. Saloonatics, JFC
 Men's C: Feds vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's C: Jilly's vs. Midsa/Mc. C's, MF

Junior Babe Ruth
 Rutland Town 12, Rutland Post 31 6. Winning Pitcher: Mike Fredette. Hitting Stars: Team effort.
Senior Babe Ruth
 Chester 9, Brandon-Pittsford 0. Winning Pitcher: Jon Penney. Hitting Stars: Nick Batsheldner, Penney and Eric Anderson. 7-8

Rutland Adult Softball
 Women's B: Jilly's vs. FH Fitness/Ballard's, JFC
 Women's B: Wayne's Autobody vs. Jilly's Jags, MF
 Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Jilly's Pounders, MN
 Women's C: Olliewood vs. Red Moon, GIO
 Men's B: Brownstone I vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's D: American Legion vs. Jilly's, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's D: Brahma Bulls vs. Two Sheas, MS 8:50 p.m.

Youth Leagues
Junior Babe Ruth
 Rutland Post 31 10, Rutland Rotary South 9. Winning pitcher: Kyle Massie. Hitting stars: Tom Masse, Scott Hannigan.
 Rutland Town Dodgers 14, Castleton 2. Winning pitcher: Steve Shoreline. Hitting star: Team effort.
 Fair Haven 13, Poultney 4. Winning pitcher: Dustin Cummings. Hitting star: Team effort.
 Granville 9, Mill River 3. Winning pitcher: Seth Boonie. Hitting star: Matt Kjelsgaard.
Senior Babe Ruth
 Manchester 14, Mill River 11. Winning pitcher: Gus Pabst. Hitting star: Team effort.
 Rutland Town 6, Chester 4. Winning pitcher: Seth Wilson. Hitting stars: Greg Waller and Adam Root.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance
 Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dance lessons, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Senior Games

The events schedule for the Green Mountain Senior Games is as follows: Manchester Regional Senior Games at Dana Thompson Recreation Park on Route 30 in Manchester on Wednesday, Aug. 30; The Tennis Men's and Women's Singles-plus State Qualifier at White's Playground in Rutland on Friday, Sept. 7; The Tennis Men's and Women's 60-plus Doubles State Qualifier at White's Playground in Rutland; The Tennis Men's and Women's 50-59 Singles and Doubles State Qualifier on Saturday, Sept. 9; Golf State Qualifier in Poultney on Tuesday, Sept. 19 with a rain date of Sept. 21; The Green Mountain State Games at Green Mountain College in Poultney on Wednesday, Sept. 20; Bowling Qualifier at Barre's Twin City Lanes on Friday, Sept. 30 and the State Swimming Championship and National Qualifier at Norwich University on Saturday, Oct. 14. 8-1

Marble City Swing Band plays

As part of the Rutland Recreation Department's Seven to Sunset series, John Sabatato and the Marble City Swing Band will appear in Main Street Park Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Enjoy the big band sound and hear all your favorites. The concert is free and open to the public.

Bathrooms will be available at the Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square. 8-1

Adult Softball

Monday's Games
 Women's B: Two Sheas vs. Jilly's, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Women's B: Friar's/Over Easy vs. FH Fitness/Ballard's, JFC
 Women's C: Olie's Girls vs. Olliewood, MN
 Men's B: Muck's/Replay Sports vs. Brownstone II, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's B: Jilly's vs. Palms, MF 7-31
 Men's D: Speed Lube vs. VAC, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's D: Sanborn's Paint vs. Bazon Construction, JFC

Adult Softball

Tuesday's Games
 Women's C: Jilly's Bottom Fifth vs. Cass' Pub, MN
 Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Olie's, MS 6:30 p.m.
 Men's B: Nalors vs. Parker's Classic, MF
 Men's D: American Legion vs. Center St. Saloonatics, MS 7:40 p.m.
 Men's D: Stoptight vs. Brahma Bulls, MS 8:50 p.m.
 Men's C: Viloz vs. Friar's, JFC
 Men's C: Jilly's vs. Jilly's Devils, GIO 8-1

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Swing Band

Rutland, Marble City Swing Band will appear in Main Street Park, big band sound, 7-9 p.m., free and open to the public.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, 773-1853.

Alderman's remark was insulting 8-1

Recently, one of the firefighters told me of a trip he made to McDonald's Restaurant on South Main Street. Upon reaching the counter to order his lunch, he was confronted by the manager, Alderman Roy Thomas, who asked him if he was "one of the idiots" who participated in the informational picket line that some firefighters held at City Hall.

First, Mr. Thomas, let me state that I was one of those idiots who participated in what I believe was a just and informational-friendly picket to let the public know that we have only six firefighters on the street to help in any emergency that they may have.

Second, I cannot believe that one of our elected officials would make such a remark or at least in public and to a customer at a place of business.

Third, it is apparent, Mr. Thomas, that you forgot about all the idiots — I mean firefighters — that came down while on duty to your son's playground to do all the cement work that needed to be completed for the opening. You also forgot the fire truck and crew that was at the park's opening for all the kids to get in. And you forgot the numerous landscape items and labor that was donated by Firefighter Myles "Skip" Pratico for such a worthy cause.

My fellow firefighter continued his story by telling me that you said that if we were truly concerned about public safety, we should all take a cut in pay and benefits so that more firefighters can be hired. To quote one of your fellow aldermen, William Gillingham, at a recent budget meeting, "We as aldermen should keep trying to find new and inventive ways to help bring more money into the city and get these departments where they need to be." Thank you, Alderman Gillingham.

As for your comment about our working day-off jobs, and that we are all well-off, again you insult us. Here is a major fact for you. The city of Rutland is one of the larger beneficiaries of the firefighters' day-off talents. If we were to keep track of all the in-house wiring, plumbing, carpentry, painting, cleaning, fire truck painting, and repairs, fire alarm systems repairs and servicing, landscaping, furnace repairs, accounting, record tracking and keeping with the city paying only for materials and 98 percent of it done while the firefighters are

on duty.

Some do it for less pay than they had done it with their day off employer. At least, Mr. Thomas, you pay your employees more than the \$6 an hour the city of Rutland pays a substitute firefighter for risking his life.

As the story of your opinion was circulated through the firehouse, some of the idiots — some firefighters — said that they voted for you. Safe bet that will happen again. I can say that I will take my business to other fire chains in the city. I find your remarks insulting, very disrespectful and without merit. I am proud to serve with each and every one of my fellow brother firefighters.

MICHAEL A. BARRETT
 (Firefighter)
 Rutland

D.C., Annapolis bus trip scheduled

The Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Annapolis and Washington, D.C., four days from Oct. 2 to Oct. 4. A registration fee of \$30 is due at time of registration with balance due Aug. 25.

The trip's highlights include a tour of Capitol Hill, Ford's Theatre, Petersen House, an illuminated night tour of monuments that include the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and more, a 2½ hour walking tour of the U.S. Naval Academy, Maryland State House, St. John's College and Liberty Tree, historic homes, city dock and more, a minute cruise along Annapolis Harbor and the Burn Brae Theater to see "Crazy for You." The cost per person is \$18 (single occupancy) \$44 (double) and \$394 (triple). The price includes bus transportation.

TODAY

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

City aldermen meeting tonight

The Rutland City Board of Aldermen will hold its bi-monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the community meeting room of the new police station on Wales Street. Items on the agenda up for discussion are the purchase of new police cruisers and a new truck.

Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin will discuss the department's equipment and vehicle replacement fund for the current fiscal year.

Party Bridge
Rutland. All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson
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Thursday's Results

New York-Penn League Baseball
Williamport 10, Vermont Expos 8

Rutland Adult Softball
Women's B: B.E. McGee 9, FH Fitness/Ballard's 4N

Women's C: Cass' Pub vs. 9Andra's Pizza, 4N

Men's B: Jilly's Renegades vs. Muck's/Replay Sports, MS 8:50 p.m.

Men's D: Brahma Bulls 12, Speedi Lube 11

Men's C: Vitoz vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 7:40 p.m.

Men's C: C's 7, Jilly's 0 (forfeit)

Men's C: Magoo's 20, Olie's 0

Civil unions law topic of forum

The civil unions law will be the topic of a forum held Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the Rutland Adult Center in Rutland.

Speakers will include Rep. Thomas Little, R-Shelburne, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Questions from the audience will be welcome after a panel presentation on Vermont's new civil unions law. The forum, scheduled for 9 p.m. at the center at 1 Center St., is sponsored by the Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force. For more information, call 388-2633.

Youth Leagues
Senior League Semifinals
Rutland, Town 2, Winning pitcher: Lawrence. Hitting star: Kyle Almes.
Piet 55, 2, Chester 1. Winning pitcher: Whelan. Hitting star: Joe Secker. Defensive star: Gerrow.

Party Bridge
Rutland. All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Tomorrow

Things to Do
on Tunes
Rutland, Depot Park, Rick Redding, 12:30 p.m.

Farmers Market
Rutland. The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rotary Preschool
Rutland. Open house for Rotary preschool Program for children ages 3 and 4 for fall session, Rotary Field House, 6-8 p.m., for information call 773-1822.

Chess / Checkers
Rutland. Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, 8-9

Organizations

Duplicate Bridge
Rutland. Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-8436.

Slippery slope



Shayna LaMorua, 10, (left) and Janna Polgar, 11, both of Rutland, take a refreshing ride down a waterslide at Pine Hill Day Camp in Rutland.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Satin & Steel

Rutland, Main Street Park's "Seven to Sunset" Concert presents Satin & Steel, a nine-piece rhythm & blues group which includes a five-piece horn section, performs classic soul, Motown, Beatles, Tower of Power, and other horn bands of the '60s and '70s, as well as original songs, 7 p.m.

Tennis tourney

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring the Rutland County Junior Tennis Championship Aug. 21-24 at White's Courts. This is a singles tournament with girls and boys divisions. Each division will have draws for divisions eight and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under.

The tournament birth date for entries is Nov. 30. The entry fee is \$8 per player; the entry deadline is Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. Entry forms are available at White's Pool and the recreation center on Dana Avenue.

Rec volleyball

Team application packets are now available for the Rutland Recreation Department's fall volleyball program. Rosters and a \$50 deposit are due back on Aug. 23. The balance of the team fee and completed rosters will be due Sept. 22 by 5 p.m.

Each team must have at least six players and there is a \$7 fee for each non-resident on the roster. The balance of the team fee will be determined by the number of teams in the league and the number of matches played. Schedules will be available at 2 p.m. on Aug. 30.

Art in the Park

Juried artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers will be represented at the 39th Annual Art in the Park Summer Festival to be held on Aug. 12 and 13 in Main Street Park in Rutland.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday with door prize drawings held throughout each day. A voluntary donation is appreciated.

All types of handicrafts and art will be on exhibit and available for purchase at the festival. The visual arts are represented by oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured: baskets, pottery; wooden bowls, furniture; puzzles; birdhouses; dried floral pieces; adult and children's clothing; soft sculpture animals; jewelry; and much more.

Art in the Park is Vermont's oldest continuing arts tradition, and the Chaffee's Art Center's major fund-raising event, occurring twice yearly in mid-summer and autumn.

For information call the Chaffee at 775-0356.

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An evening concert in park Wednesday

Satin & Steel will appear Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. as part of the Seven to Sunset Concert Series in Rutland's Main Street Park.

A Rutland-based, nine-piece rhythm and blues group, Satin & Steel boasts a five-piece horn section. They toured the New England club circuit in the early '70s, and reformed five years ago with three of the original eight members.

The group will perform a mix of songs from classic soul, Motown, Beatles, Tower of Power and other horn bands of the '60 and '70s, as well as original songs.

Rotary preschool holding open house

The Rotary preschool program for children ages 3 and 4 has openings for its fall session scheduled to begin Sept. 5.

Payments are broken down into three segments. Stop by the office to pick up an information/registration packet.

If you are interested, an open house will be held Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rotary Field House. The open house will give you an opportunity to meet with teachers Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh, inquire about the curriculum and ask any questions you may have.

For further information, contact the Recreation and Parks office at 773-1822.

8/8

Farmers Market

Rutland. The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Megan Smith (right) of the Vermont Inn, winner of this year's "Best Taste" award, serves baked stuff shrimp to contest judges Louise Hammond of Burlington and Rich Carlson of Rutland during the Winter in August celebration.

Served up hot

Winter in August's menu features food and politics

By GORDON DRITSCHLO
Herald Staff

At Winter in August, good food mixed with politics.

For most people, "I didn't get a chance to eat," said Republican gubernatorial candidate William Meub. "I was too busy talking to people."

Republican Ruth Dwyer, who will face Meub in the September primary, had the same problem.

"You don't get to eat as a

candidate," she said. "I've resigned myself to going to functions with wonderful meals and not eating."

Meub, Dwyer and Gov. Howard Dean all came to Center Street Alley in Rutland on Tuesday to shake hands and speak with voters, as did candidates vying for Rutland City's seats in the Legislature.

The crowd, a couple of hundred strong, was composed of people from local businesses and institutions, from bankers



Business community members fill the Center Street Alley during the 19th annual Winter in August event Tuesday evening.

See Page B3: Winter

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Jr. League
Championship Game
Rutland Town 17, Fair Haven 4. Winning pitcher:
Mike Fredette. Hitting stars: Davey Turro, Bobby
Williamson and Fredette.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players
welcome, Godnick Center, Deer
Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lessons

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Liguori lead potpourri of dance
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Center, \$3, pre-registration not
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1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

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with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori,
7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center,
\$6 per couple; pre-registration not
required, all welcome, 773-1853.

8/73
Sunday,
Aug. 13

Art in the Park

Rutland, Chaffee Center for the
Visual Arts 39th hosts Art in the Park
artists, craftspeople, and specialty
food producers, Main Street Park,
junction of Routes 4 and 7, 10 a.m.-5
p.m., voluntary donation, 775-0356.

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band per-
forms a concert in the bandstand in
Main Street Park, corner of
South Main and West streets, 7:30
p.m.

Softball

The Jilly's Roadrunners
women's softball team qualified
for the national C Division soft-
ball tournament in by winning
the recent Vermont State
Championship in Newport. The
team competes in the ASA-san-
ctioned Rutland League.

Team members are: Sherri
Adams, Kristi Bird, Penny Griffin,
Wendy Johnson and Michele
Washburn of Bethel, Sara Hunt
of Pittsfield, Karen Johnson of
Gaysville, Holly McCullough and
Heidi Walton of South Royalton,
Becky Petrucci, Brandi Sargent,
Cindy Wood and Kara Wood of
Randolph, Andy Sak of
Rochester and Ella Armstrong of
Northfield.

Dance Lessons

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Liguori lead a potpourri of dance
lessons, including line, contra, cir-
cle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick
Center, \$3, pre-registration not
required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario
Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10
a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-regis-
tration not required, all welcome,
773-1853.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers
at Dana Recreation Center, 39
Center St., 7-9 p.m., free

Play Chess/Checkers

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Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels
welcome.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate
Bridge Club plays at Godnick
Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call
Jean Seward at 773-9436.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players
welcome, Godnick Center, Deer
Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-
1853.

Adult Softball

Playoffs 8-17
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Men's B
Friday, Aug. 17
Game 1: Jilly's Dogs vs. Jilly's Gio
Game 2: Brownstone II vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, MF
Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Renegades, JFC
Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports vs. Palms, MS
Game 5: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Parker's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 6: Winner game 4 vs. Dart Mart, Gio
Monday, Aug. 21
Game 6: Winner game 1 vs. Brownstone I, MS 8:40
Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. Ollie's, JFC
Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS
Game 11: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Wednesday, Aug. 23
Game 12: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, JFC

Men's D
Game 1: Tyler's Team 8, Speed Lube 6
Game 2: All Lines 10, American Legion 3
Game 3: Buccaneers 6, Center Street 5
Game 4: VAC 9, Bizon Construction 4
Game 5: A Crust Above 19, Stoptight 7
Game 6: Sanborn's vs. Jilly's, MS 8:40 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 7: Tyler's Team vs. Brahma Bulls, MF
Game 8: All Lines vs. winner game 3, MS
Game 9: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 10: A Crust Above vs. winner game 6, JFC

Monday, Aug. 21
Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio
Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, MS

Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. winner game 13, JFC

Adult Softball

Playoffs
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Men's B
Wednesday, Aug. 16
Game 1: Jilly's Dogs vs. Jilly's Gio
Game 2: Brownstone II vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, MF
Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Renegades, JFC
Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports vs. Palms, MS
Game 5: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Parker's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 6: Winner game 4 vs. Dart Mart, Gio
Friday, Aug. 18
Game 6: Winner game 1 vs. Brownstone I, MS 8:40
Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. Ollie's, JFC

Monday, Aug. 21
Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS
Game 11: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 12: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, JFC

Men's D
Tuesday, Aug. 15
Game 1: Tyler's Team 8, Speed Lube 6
Game 2: All Lines 10, American Legion 3
Game 3: Buccaneers 6, Center Street 5
Game 4: VAC 9, Bizon Construction 4
Game 5: A Crust Above 19, Stoptight 7
Game 6: Sanborn's vs. Jilly's, MS 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 7: Tyler's Team vs. Brahma Bulls, MF
Game 8: All Lines vs. winner game 3, MS
Game 9: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 10: A Crust Above vs. winner game 6, JFC

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio
Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, MS

Monday, Aug. 21
Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. winner game 13, JFC

Adult Softball

PLAYOFFS
All Monday games postponed. Entire schedule is pushed back one day as reflected below. This will occur any other time there is a rainout.
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Women's B
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 1: Road Runners vs. Jilly's Jags, MF
Game 2: F.H. Fitness/Ballards vs. Wayne's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas, MS 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 23
Game 4: Friar's/Over Easy's vs. B.E. McGee, MF
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, Gio

Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Friday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

WOMEN'S C
Wednesday, Aug. 23
Game 1: Olliewood vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 2: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MS

Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zemo's, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS
Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC
Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF

Friday, Aug. 25
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF
Game 9: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Monday, Aug. 28
Game 10: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, JFC

Men's B
Wednesday, Aug. 16
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Game 2: Brownstone II vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, MF

Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Renegades, JFC
Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports vs. Palms, MS
Game 5: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Parker's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 6: Winner game 4 vs. Dart Mart, Gio
Friday, Aug. 18
Game 6: Winner game 1 vs. Brownstone I, MS 8:40
Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. Ollie's, JFC
Monday, Aug. 21
Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS
Game 11: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Men's D
Wednesday, Aug. 15
Game 1: Tyler's Team 8, Speed Lube 6
Game 2: All Lines 10, American Legion 3
Game 3: Buccaneers 6, Center Street 5
Game 4: VAC 9, Bizon Construction 4
Game 5: A Crust Above 19, Stoptight 7
Game 6: Sanborn's vs. Jilly's, MS 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 7: Tyler's Team vs. Brahma Bulls, MF
Game 8: All Lines vs. winner game 3, MS
Game 9: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 10: A Crust Above vs. winner game 6, JFC

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio
Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, MS

Monday, Aug. 21
Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. winner game 13, JFC

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Friday, Aug. 18
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Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. Ollie's, JFC
Monday, Aug. 21
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Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 7: Tyler's Team vs. Brahma Bulls, MF
Game 8: All Lines vs. winner game 3, MS
Game 9: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 10: A Crust Above vs. winner game 6, JFC

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio
Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, MS

Monday, Aug. 21
Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. winner game 13, JFC

Adult Softball

Playoffs
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

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Game 3: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas, MS 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 4: Friar's/Over Easy's vs. B.E. McGee, MF
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, Gio

Friday, Aug. 25
Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Monday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Women's C
Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 1: Olliewood vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 2: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MS

Friday, Aug. 25
Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zemo's, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS
Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC
Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF

Saturday, Aug. 26
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF
Game 9: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Tuesday, Aug. 29
Game 10: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, JFC

Men's B
Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 1: Jilly's 12, Jilly's Dogs 9
Game 2: Jilly's Roughnecks 21, Brownstone 8

Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto 17, Jilly's Renegades 5
Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports 23, Palms 13
Game 5: Keith's II/Jilly's 18, Parker's Auto Body 6

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 6: Dart Mart 24, Muck's/Replay Sports 13
Monday, Aug. 21
Game 6: Jilly's vs. Brownstone I, MS 8:40
Game 7: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 9: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Ollie's, JFC
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS
Game 11: Dart Mart vs. winner game 9, Gio

Wednesday, Aug. 23
Game 12: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, JFC

Men's C
Monday, Aug. 21
Game 1: C.J.'s vs. Ollie's, MF
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 2: Feds vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Magoo's vs. Friar's
Game 4: Vitoz vs. Midsa/Mr. C's, MS 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 23
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, MS
Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Men's D
Monday, Aug. 21
Game 1: Tyler's Team 15, Tyler's Team 1
Game 2: Buccaneers 13, All Lines 12
Game 3: VAC 29, Two Sheas, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: A Crust Above 19, Stoptight 7
Game 5: Sanborn's 6

Friday, Aug. 18
Game 6: Brahma Bulls vs. Buccaneers, MS
Game 13: VAC vs. A Crust Above, MS
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. winner game 13, JFC

Men's B
Wednesday, Aug. 16
Game 1: Jilly's Dogs vs. Jilly's Gio
Game 2: Brownstone II vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, MF

Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Renegades, JFC
Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports vs. Palms, MS
Game 5: Keith's II/Jilly's vs. Parker's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 17
Game 6: Winner game 4 vs. Dart Mart, Gio
Friday, Aug. 18
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Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. Ollie's, JFC
Monday, Aug. 21
Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS
Game 11: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Tennis tourney

The Rutland Recreation Department is sponsoring the Rutland County Junior Tennis Championship Aug. 21-24 at White's Courts. This is a singles tournament with girls and boys divisions. Each division will have draws for divisions eight and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under.

The tournament birth date for entries is Nov. 30. The entry fee is \$8 per player; the entry deadline is Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. Entry forms are available at White's Pool and the recreation center on Dana Avenue.

Rec volleyball

Team application packets are now available for the Rutland Recreation Department's fall volleyball program. Rosters and a \$50 deposit are due back on Aug. 23. The balance of the team fee and completed rosters will be due Sept. 22 by 5 p.m.

Each team must have at least six players and there is a \$7 fee for each non-resident on the roster. The balance of the team fee will be determined by the number of teams in the league and the number of matches played. Schedules will be available at 2 p.m. on Aug. 30.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Noon Tunes Concerts
Rutland, Depot Park, Rick Redington, 12:30 p.m.

Farmers Market
Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rotary Pre-School
Rutland, Open house for Rotary Pre-School Program for children age 3 and 4 for fall session, Rotary Field House, 6-8 p.m., for information call 773-1822.

Blood Pressure Check
Rutland, Free blood pressure screening, Brooks Pharmacy, 9 a.m.-noon.

Chess and Checkers
Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Monday

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance
Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Guitar lessons offered in fall

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Beginning Guitar lessons at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Students will learn basic chords and accompaniment patterns for a variety of music styles. Note-playing in first position and some musical notation will be introduced.

The course will be taught by Ron Pulcer, who has been a guitarist for 27 years.

There will be two sessions offered: Session 1 will run Sept. 11-Oct. 16, and Session 2 will run Oct. 30-Dec. 4. The cost for the program is \$50 for residents, with a \$5 discount if you sign up before Sept. 4 for Session 1, or Oct. 23 for Session 2.

Students will need to purchase or rent a guitar. Enrollment is limited.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Big Band Dance
Rutland, The Rutland Historical Society summer big band dance series features the recorded music of Lawrence Welk and Herb Alpert, at the Godnick Center off Deer Street, 7-9 p.m., dancers and listeners welcome, free admission, free refreshment.

Dance Lesson
Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Party Bridge
Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market
Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adult Softball

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Women's B
Wednesday, Aug. 23

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Game 2: F.H. Fitness/Ballards vs. Wayne's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas', MS 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 24

Game 4: Friar's/Over Easy's vs. B.E. McGee, MF
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, Gio

Friday, Aug. 25

Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Monday, Aug. 28

Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Women's C
Thursday, Aug. 24

Game 1: Ollewood vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS 8:40 p.m.

Game 2: Olle's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MS

Friday, Aug. 25

Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zemo's, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS

Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC

Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF

Saturday, Aug. 28

Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF

Game 9: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Game 10: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, JFC

Men's B
Thursday, Aug. 17

Game 1: Jilly's 12, Jilly's Dogs 9

Game 2: Jilly's Roughnecks 21, Brownstone II 8

Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto 17, Jilly's Renegades 5

Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports 23, Palms 11

Game 5: Keith's II/Jilly's 18, Parker's Auto Body 6

Friday, Aug. 18

Game 6: Dart Mart 24, Muck's/Replay Sports 5

Monday, Aug. 21

Game 7: Jilly's vs. Brownstone I, MS 8:40

Game 8: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 9: Keith's II/Jilly's, JFC

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Game 11: Dart Mart vs. winner game 9, Gio

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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Men's C
Monday, Aug. 21

Game 1: C.J.'s vs. Olle's, MF

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 2: Feds vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Magoo's vs. Friar's

Game 4: Vitoz vs. Mida/Mr. C's, MS 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, MS

Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Thursday, Aug. 24

Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Men's D

Game 1: Tyler's Team 8, Speed Lube 6

Game 2: All Lines 10, American Legion 3

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Game 4: VAC 9, Bizon Construction 4

Game 5: A Crust Above 19, Spotlight 7

Game 6: Sanborn's 21, Jilly's 4

Her lips are sealed



Elizabeth Mangan starts to come up for air while swimming at White Pool in Rutland on Thursday.

ALBERT J. MARRO / RUTLAND HERALD

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Big Band Dance

Rutland, The Rutland Historical Society summer big band dance series features the recorded music of Billy Vaughn and Lester Lanin, at the Godnick Center off Deer Street, 7-9 p.m., dancers and listeners welcome, free admission, free refreshment.

Depot Park Concert

Rutland, The Propellers return for repeat of great mix of songs, Depot Park, 7-9 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Art in the Park

Rutland, Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 39th hosts annual Art in the Park, artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers, Main Street Park, junction of Routes 4 and 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., voluntary donation, 775-0356.

Sunday

THINGS TO DO

Art in the Park

Rutland, Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts 39th hosts annual Art in the Park, artists, craftspeople, and specialty food producers, Main Street Park, junction of Routes 4 and 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., voluntary donation, 775-0356.

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Vendors sought for Ethnic Festival

The Rutland Region Ethnic Festival celebrates diverse ethnic traditions with food, entertainment, and cultural activities from around the world.

For the ninth year in a row this celebration will take place in downtown Rutland. It will be held in Depot Park Sunday, Sept. 17, from noon to 7 p.m.

As in previous years, authentic ethnic entertainment will play all day while food vendors sell sample portions of global delicacies. Ethnic cooking demonstrations will be offered by the Vermont Folklife Center.

A separate children's tent will feature various activities and hands-on crafts.

The festival recognizes Rutland's diverse ancestral traditions derived from French Canadian, Italian, Irish, Polish, Welsh and Scandinavian immigrants.

The event also celebrates the cultures and cuisine that create the greater global society with internationally acclaimed entertainers, the participation of popular ethnic restaurants, and additional vendors who are proud of their ethnic heritage and want to share their traditions.

Anyone who would like to share an ethnic tradition by preparing food, demonstrating a craft or selling authentic ethnic items is invited to participate in the Rutland Region Ethnic Festival as a vendor.

For an application and a set of guidelines, contact Festival organizer Jacki Brown, 259-3312, or vendor committee chairman Chris Catterton, 775-2285.

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Friday, Aug. 25

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Monday, Aug. 28

Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

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Thursday, Aug. 24

Game 1: Ollewood vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS 8:40 p.m.

Game 2: Olle's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MS

Friday, Aug. 25

Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zemo's, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS

Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC

Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF

Saturday, Aug. 28

Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF

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Tuesday, Aug. 29

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Monday, Aug. 21

Game 7: Jilly's vs. Brownstone I, MS 8:40

Game 8: Jilly's Roughnecks vs. Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 9: Keith's II/Jilly's, JFC

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Game 11: Dart Mart vs. Olle's, Gio

Wednesday, Aug. 23

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Men's C
Monday, Aug. 21

Game 1: C.J.'s 14, Olle's 11

Tuesday, Aug. 22

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Game 3: Magoo's vs. Friar's

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Wednesday, Aug. 23

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Friday, Aug. 18

Game 7: Brahma Bulls 15, Tyler's Team 13

Game 8: Buccaners 13, All Lines 12

Game 9: VAC 29, Two Sheas' 22

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Dance Lessons

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Skating

Zero Gravity Skate Park will host the ASA Northeast Regional Championships Friday, with the top 10 street skaters and top five vertical skaters moving on to the North American Amateur Championship in Las Vegas in October.

Local qualifiers competing in this invitation-only event are Dylan Goodspeed, Myles Cotter-Sparrow, Ryan Allaire, Tim Williams, Phil Laframboise and Sam Laframboise.

They came to play



The Rutland City Band performs its last show of the summer season Sunday evening in the bandstand in Main Street Park. The group is the oldest municipally funded band in the nation.

CALEB KENNA / RUTLAND HERALD

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Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC

JFC
Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF
Men's B
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 10: Brownstone 25, Cass' Pub/ Carey's Auto 2
Game 11: Dart Mart 23, Ollie's 13
Wednesday, Aug. 23
Game 12: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, JFC

Men's C
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Game 2: Feds vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Magoo's vs. Friar's
Game 4: Viloz vs. Micah/Mr. C's, MS 8:40 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 23
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Thursday, Aug. 24
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Men's D
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Championship Game
Game 14: Brahma Bulls 2, A Crust Above 1

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Monday, Aug. 28
Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, Gio
Tuesday, Aug. 29
Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. Friar's/Over Easy's, Gio
Wednesday, Aug. 30
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Women's C
Monday, Aug. 28
Game 1: Olliewood vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS 8:40 p.m.
Game 2: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MS
Tuesday, Aug. 29
Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zemo's, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS
Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC
Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF
Wednesday, Aug. 30
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF
Game 9: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS
Thursday, Aug. 31
Game 10: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, JFC

Men's B
Championship
Friday, Aug. 25
Game 12: Dart Mart vs. Brownstone 1, JFC
Men's C
Friday, Aug. 24
Game 5: C.J.'s vs. Feds, Gio
Game 6: Magoo's vs. Viloz, MS
Monday, Aug. 28
Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Friday

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Wednesday's Results

Adult Softball
Championship Game
C Division
Zemo's 8, Red Moon Saloon 3

Play Chess/Checkers

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Saturday

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Gospel Concert

Rutland, Main Street Park, featuring The Goodson's and The Manneys, 7-9 p.m.

Dance Lessons

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liquori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, 773-1853.

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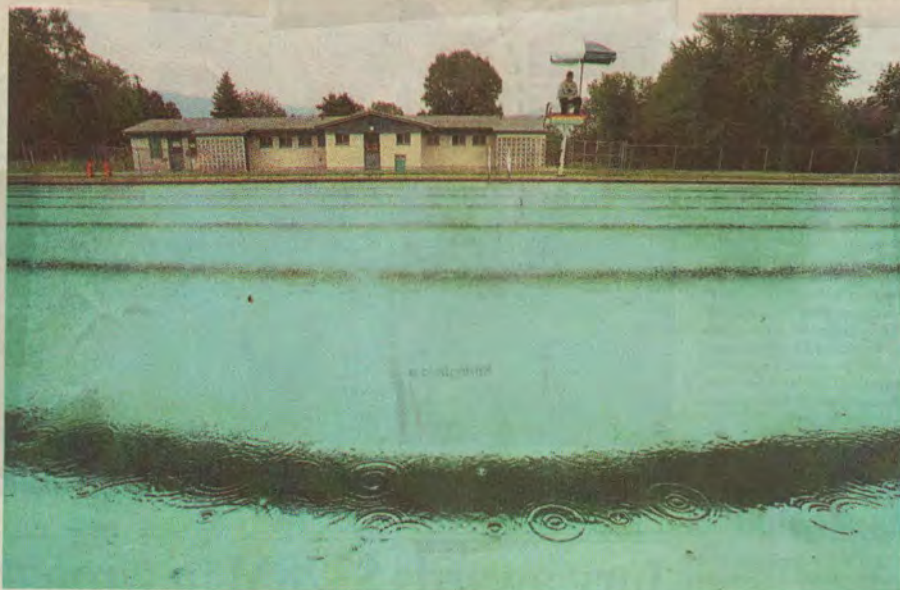
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Brent Adams, a lifeguard at White Pool in Rutland City, watches as rain splatters the pool's surface Wednesday.

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Adult Softball

Playoffs
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Women's B
Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 1: Road Runners 7, Jilly's Jags 0 (forfeit)
Game 2: F.H. Fitness/Ballards 8, Wayne's Auto Body 6
Game 3: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas', MS 8:40 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 25
Game 5: Road Runners 18, Fair Haven Fitness, 6

Monday, Aug. 28
Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. Friar's/Over Easy's, Gio

Tuesday, Aug. 29
Game 7: Road Runners vs. winner game 6, JFC

Women's C
Friday, Aug. 25
Game 1: Olliewood vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MN 6:15
Game 2: Ollie's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes 19, Jilly's Pounders 7

Monday, Aug. 28
Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zemo's, MS 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS
Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC

Tuesday, Aug. 29
Game 7: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF

Wednesday, Aug. 30
Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF
Game 9: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Game 10: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, JFC

Mex's B
Championship
Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 12: Brownstone 19, Dart Mart 7

Mex's C
Thursday, Aug. 24
Game 5: Feds 23, C.J.'s 4
Game 6: Magoo's 8, Vitoz 7
Friday, Aug. 25
Game 7: Feds 11, Magoo's 9

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'Fraud-fighter' workshop set

A telemarketing "fraud-fighter" workshop will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, at 10:15 a.m. at the Godnick Senior Center.

Learn how to recognize, resist and report new telemarketing, mail, and other fraud crimes when Anne Whitten of the state Attorney General's Office presents this informative and free workshop.

Topics will include tips on spotting fraud, how to avoid becoming a victim and how to stop unwanted phone calls and junk mail.

The Godnick Center is located at the corner of Woodstock Avenue and Deer Street.

Getting a jump on the competition



ALBERT J. MARRO / RUTLAND HERALD

Nicole Lamontange (left) and Sara Gee jump rope during a rainy practice at Giorgetti Park in Rutland. The pair play on the Rutland High School varsity soccer team.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., one hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

TOMORROW

THINGS TO DO

Dance Lessons

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dance lessons, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

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Adult Softball

Playoffs
(All Games 6:15 p.m. unless indicated)

Women's B CHAMPIONSHIP
Road Runners 13, Friar's/Over Easy 3

Women's C SEMIFINALS
Game 8: Zemo's 15, Cass's Pub 3
Game 9: Red Moon Saloon 28, Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth 23

Championship, Wednesday, Aug. 30
Game 10: Zemo's vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC

Chess/Checkers

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Dance Lesson

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Rutland Rec offers two Tai Chi classes

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering two sessions of Tai Chi this fall.

Instructor Eugene Gyori will teach the Yang style of Tai Chi. This is a great way to relax the body and strengthen the mind.

Students will learn the postures

and practice the principles to ultimately begin "push hands," allowing the students to use what they have learned.

The program will run Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Session 1 runs from Sept. 7 to Oct. 12. Session 2 is Oct. 26 to Dec. 7.

The cost for residents is \$38, and for non-residents is \$45. The \$5 discount deadlines are Aug. 31 and Oct. 19.

Registration is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Rutland Rec offers slate of fall classes

The Rutland Recreational Department is offering the following fall classes:

"Hatha Yoga" will be taught by Joan Canfield. There will be two sessions of classes held Mondays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Session 1 runs from Sept. 11 through Oct. 30, and Session 2 runs from Nov. 6-Dec. 11.

Class begins with a few moments of meditation and breathing. Stretching warm-ups and yoga postures are practiced at your own pace and level of experience. Fifteen minutes of deep relaxation and calming techniques complete the class. The class is suitable for beginners or experienced levels.

Costs are: Session 1, eight weeks, residents \$42, non-residents \$49; Session 2, six weeks, residents \$32, non-residents \$39; the \$5 discount deadlines are Sept. 4 and Oct. 23.

"Fall Aerobics," suitable for beginners through advanced, will be offered with modification for each level.

Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down. Participants should bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing.

Two sessions will run from 6 to 7 p.m. Section A, from Oct. 2 through Dec. 13, is held Mondays and Wednesdays. Section B, from Oct. 3 through Dec. 14, is held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The cost for the class is \$44 for residents, and \$51 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount for those who sign up before Sept. 25 for Section A, or Sept. 26 for Section B.

The classes are taught by Susan Classen, Mary Lou Thompson and Jerilyn Valente.

The "Women's Nutrition & Wellness" series will help you get a jump on the fall.

Discover the benefits of a nutrition-and-wellness program that will bring you into the fall season feeling energized, fit, and looking your best.

Mary Bilz, a registered dietitian

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Dance Lesson

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Duplicate Bridge

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Play Chess/Checkers

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You're on the air



An in-line skater grabs some air as he flies off the ramp at the Zero Gravity Skate Park off Oak Street Extension in Rutland earlier this week.

ALBERT J. MARRO / RUTLAND HERALD

Today

9-11

THINGS TO DO

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Drum Circle

Rutland, Depot Park, 6 p.m., bring a drum and join in, some drums will be available for hire, 235-2400.

Party Bridge

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Tomorrow

9-16

THINGS TO DO

Ethnic Festival

Rutland, Depot Park, world cuisine, entertainment and crafts, adults \$5, children 6-18, \$3, noon-7 p.m., 259-3312.

Farmers Market

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Rutland Rec's office is closed

The Rutland Recreation Department will close its office at 39 East Center St. today to reorganize for its fall and winter programs.

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Roller hockey

The Rutland Recreation Department is introducing a youth roller hockey program, which will run on Fridays from Sept. 29 through October 27 for fifth- and sixth-graders. The cost of the program is \$15 for Rutland residents and \$22 for non-residents. Participants must furnish their own equipment and all protective gear, including hockey helmet, knee, shin and elbow pads, gloves, in-line skates, hockey stick and mouthpiece.

The program will be held at Whites and Dana. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Happy faces



Rutland Mayor John Cassarino gets a "happy face" sticker from Rose the Clown (Pat Tucker) Saturday in Depot Park. Cassarino was participating in Memory Walk 2000, a fund-raiser for the Alzheimer's Association of Vermont.

Energy Exercises

The Rutland Recreation Department, under the instruction of Carolyn Altieri, will conduct a six week program on "Polarity Energy Exercises" from 6 - 7 pm at the Dana Recreation Center. The program will run Tuesdays, from September 19th through October 24th. The new unique, effective, easy series of nonaerobic movements based on the idea

of energy, and encouraging calmness, vitality and health can help increase flexibility, strength, physical & emotional tension release, improved digestion/elimination, deeper breathing, better posture and a "brighter" outlook. Fees are \$30 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. Register at the Dana Recreation Center weekdays from 8:30 to 5:00 pm.

Totnastics

Parents join in with your little one having fun, while they are developing their gross motor skills through physical activities. Taught by Jim Lehman, this program fills fast, so don't delay! Program starts October 28th and runs until

December 2nd. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center Street. Cost of the program is \$25 for residents and \$32 for non-residents, there is a \$5.00 discount until 10/20/00. The time of the program is from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Reduced tickets for Great Escape

You can get Great Escape tickets free when you purchase one or more at the Rutland Recreation Department.

Children ages 2 and under are free. Tickets for those 48 inches and taller are \$19.75. Tickets for those smaller are \$14.25.

Present your purchased ticket at any Great Escape booth and receive the second one free.

The Recreation Department will accept cash only. Tickets are sold weekdays at the recreation office at 39 East Center St. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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• A Women's Nutrition & Wellness series will be held to help you get a jump on fall. Mary Bilz, a registered dietician conducts the series, which covers the latest research on foods

session A will run from 10/2/00 - 12/13/00 on Mondays & Wednesdays, Session B will run from 10/3/00 - 12/14/00 on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Registration is at the Dana Rec Center at 39 East Center Street.

• **Playgroup** - If your preschooler is looking for a fun place to stay, we have just the place. Children and parents socialize with peers in a play based environment facilitated by the Rutland County Parent Child Center. Held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from September 19, 2000 through June 14, 2000. Free and open to parents and children from birth to 6 years.

• For the 3 & 4 year old in your house. Parents join in with your little one having fun, while they are developing their gross motor skills through physical activities such as tag, ball games, new games and parachute play to name a few. **Totnastics** is taught by Jim Lehman, a Rutland Physical Education Teacher for 20 plus years. This program fills fast, so don't delay! Program starts October 28th and runs until December 2nd. Register at the Dana Recreation

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Rutland, Godnick Adult Center, 7:30-11 p.m., members \$5 per person, nonmembers \$8, dance lesson, 8:30-9 p.m.

Diversity is king at Ethnic Festival

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

David Raymond makes gourmet salsa from hot peppers grown in the Southwest.

Southwest Rutland, that is. "I had 17 different kinds of peppers in my garden this year," the city resident said Sunday. "It's hard to grow them. The season needs to be longer, so I figured out a way to extend it. I wish I could tell you, but..."

That would reveal the secret on the tips of everyone's tongues at the ninth annual Rutland Region Ethnic Festival.

Upward of 3,000 people descended on downtown's Depot Park Sunday afternoon and evening for a taste of international food and entertainment.

Raymond's "Salsa from the

Gut" (not the organ, but the nickname for the city's southwest neighborhood) was one of 20 delicacies served up at the event sponsored by such groups as the Downtown Rutland Partnership, Chamber of Commerce and Crossroads Arts Council.

Raymond has been jarring cayenne, jalapeno, habanero and sweet peppers into salsa for two years. Sunday you could not only sample some on a tortilla chip, but also see his Vermont State Fair blue ribbons and order any of the six varieties on sale at local stores.

"I made Chili Pepper magazine," he said. "It's got two million subscribers, believe it or not."

Other food from local kitchens

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and restaurants ranged from Filipino to French Canadian.

"It's to pay tribute to the ancestry that's native to the region and expose our children to the different cultures that create our global society," organizer Jacki Brown said. "A lot of kids don't use a lot of diversity. Here they can see entertainment and sample food from other cultures."

They weren't alone. Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell was one of several politicians who found reason to attend the event.

"It's a combination — eat some good food and meet some folks from this part of the state," he said.

The event also featured international music, dancing, drumming, cooking demonstrations and taste combinations. Order the grilled pizza from Sweet Tomatoes restaurant and you saw the servers helping themselves to a paper plate of Thai food.

"We're sampling," one said.

Move to the Rutland Rotary Club booth and you could take home a Belgian waffle for dessert.

"We'll insure that you'll like it," insurance agent Richard Carlson said. "We're not waffling on this, either."

Saturday

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

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Ballroom Dance

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DAVID KENNA / RUTLAND HERALD
David and Rosey Raymond take down balloons to give to children at the Ethnic Festival in Depot Park Sunday. The Raymonds' "Salsa from the Gut" was among the ethnic food available.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Dance Lesson

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Tomorrow

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Halloween parade plans under way

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department is gearing up for the city's 41st annual Halloween parade Tuesday, Oct. 31, in downtown Rutland.

The Recreation Department is looking to add floats or marching units to the parade. The number of units will be limited so entries should be submitted as soon as possible.

Civic organizations, service clubs, businesses and anyone who would like to be in the parade is encouraged to contact the Recreation Department for an entry form.

Trophies will be awarded in various categories. The Vermont Department of Tourism has named the parade one of the top 10 fall events in Vermont. There is no charge to be in the parade.

For more information or an entry form, call the Recreation Department at 773-1822 or stop by at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Today

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9-18
Irene Jensen (left) and Peter Giancola take a break from their stand featuring Filipino food to cheer on Terrance Simien's zydeco music at the downtown Rutland Ethnic Festival.



Eat, drink and be ethnic



CALEB KENNA / RUTLAND HERALD

Depot Park in downtown Rutland (above) is packed with tents and people Sunday afternoon for the annual Ethnic Festival. At far left, Peter Giancola enjoys a Belgian waffle with his daughters, Gabriella and Grace. Left, Alyssa Gates and Celeste Romano of Brandon tie-dye cloth with Gene Santos and his daughter, Chelsea, of Wallingford.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge 9-27
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Chess/Checkers

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Adult hoop

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 10 for anyone interested entering a team in the Rutland Recreation Department's men's adult basketball league. The meeting will be held at the Dana Recreation Center at 6 p.m. For further information, call 773-1822, extension 14.

Bus trips planned to Massachusetts

The Godnick Adult Center is sponsoring two bus trips.

One is for shopping at the Holyoke (Mass.) Mall on Friday, Nov. 3. Registration begins Monday, Oct. 9, for city residents, and Tuesday, Oct. 10, for non-residents.

The \$18 non-refundable fee includes bus transportation. The bus leaves the Godnick Center on Deer Street in Rutland at 8 a.m. and returns at about 6 p.m.

"Bright Nights" will take place Friday, Dec. 1, in Springfield, Mass. The trip begins with Yankee Candle and continues to the Marriott Hotel for a late afternoon dinner and show.

After dinner, enjoy 2½ miles of magnificent lights displays with more than 400,000 lights.

The fee of \$64 is payable at time of registration. City residents can begin to register Monday, Oct. 23, and non-residents on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

The fee includes bus fare, the show, dinner and Bright Nights at Forest Park. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at about 9 p.m.

For more information about these bus trips call 773-1853.

Harmonica class will begin Oct. 30

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diatonic harmonica. Emphasis will be on playing straight harp and blues-style harmonica. Further information is available at the center.

Ron Pulcer, who has more than 10 years experience on the harmonica, will teach the course. There are openings in Session 2, from Oct. 30 through Dec. 4.

The time for the program is 7:45 to 9:15 p.m.

The cost is \$45 for residents, with a \$10 late fee if you sign up after Oct. 23. Students need to purchase a harmonica and course book. Enrollment is limited.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Art in the Park is this weekend

Juried artists, craftspeople and specialty food producers will be represented at the 39th Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival on Oct. 7 and 8 in Main Street Park in Rutland.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, with door prize drawings held throughout each day. A voluntary donation is appreciated.

All types of handicrafts and art will be exhibited and available for purchase at the festival.

The visual arts are represented by a selection of oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, sculpture and photographs.

A full array of crafts will be featured: baskets, pottery, lamp shades, wooden bowls and furniture, hammock chairs, puzzles, birdhouses, clothing, jewelry and more.

Demonstrations of works in progress will be held through the weekend. Specialty food producers will offer fudge, herbal dips, vinegars, spice strands, herbal braids and fruit sauces.

There will be food concessions and a beer tent with Vermont specialty beers.

On Saturday, the Cold River Band will play a variety of music from the Celtic and North American traditions. Yarina will perform South American music Saturday.

"Art for Kids," special art and crafts events for children, will be provided by the Vermont Achievement Center and held under the Chaffee tent all weekend.

For information, call the Chaffee Center for Visual Arts at 775-0356.

Swinging into fall



Albert J. Marro / Rutland Herald
Kyle Anagnos swings while his dad, Niko Anagnos, watches in River Street Park in Rutland recently. The two were waiting for Kyle's older brother to get out of school.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Totnastic classes starting this month

Totnastics is for the 3- or 4-year-old in your house.

Parents join in having fun while the children are developing gross motor skills through activities such as tag, ball games, new games and parachute play.

Taught by Jim Lehman, a Rutland physical education teacher for 20-plus years, this program fills up fast.

The program starts Oct. 28 and runs until Dec. 2. Register at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

The cost of the program is \$25 for residents and \$32 for non-residents. There is a \$5 discount until Oct. 20. The time of the program is from 9 to 10 a.m.

Today

THINGS TO DO


Art in the Park

Rutland, Chaffee Center presents 39th Annual Art in the Park Fall Foliage Festival, fine artists, craftspeople, specialty food producers, displays and sale items available, jewelry, clothing, puzzles, fruit smoothies, food, arts and crafts workshops and much more. Cold River Band will perform Celtic and South American music, Main Street Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 775-0356.

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Rutland Rec. & Parks Dept. 773-1822 E. Center Street

Beginning guitar lessons are offered

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering beginning guitar lessons at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Learn basic chords and accompaniment patterns for a variety of music styles (folk, country, blues, pop, waltz).

Note playing in first position and some musical notation will be introduced.

The course will be taught by Ron Pulcer, who has been a guitarist for 27 years. There are openings in Session 2, from Oct. 30 to Dec. 4. The time for the program is 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The program will be held at the Recreation Center.

The cost for the program is \$45 for residents, with a \$10 late fee if you sign up after Oct. 23. Students will need to purchase or rent a guitar.

The Recreation Department has further information to help you with this. Space is limited.



Jack O'Lantern

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All entries must be brought to the alley and deposited in the contest box there.

The contest is open to all children in grades K-6. Winners must be present to win.

Here is the first of 11 clues: The sky's looking black, wind whistling through,

Behind a large tree, a figure just out of view.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Play Chess/Checkers

Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Dance Lessons

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dance lessons, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, 7:30-11 p.m., singles and couples, dance lesson at 8:30-9 p.m., members \$5, non-members \$8, all levels of dances welcome, light refreshments and door prizes, Godnick Adult Center, 773-6971.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.



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Here's the second of 11 clues:
It's that time of year and we recognize the "shape."

O'Lantern is donning his mask and his cape. 10/12

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Here is the third of 11 clues:
We will give you clues to help unmask this man.

Try for the prizes, do the best that you can. 10/13

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Parade is fun, not political

Organizers issue memo

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Forget your usual horror-movie props — organizers of the 41st annual Rutland Halloween Parade are announcing rules to protect spectators from the most crowd-splitting tools of the season.

Political buttons, signs and bumper stickers.

"This is a very volatile year," city Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin said recently. "The parade is designed for everyone to have a fun evening, and forget about the trials and tribulations of everyday life. We could have a bunch of politicians and political action groups that want to make a statement. This is not the forum to do it."

Rutland aldermen voiced concern last year after one parade float laughed at city financial boondoggles, and another seriously attacked several local, state and national leaders as corrupt.

Parade organizers have read front-page reports about politicians ignoring rules against campaigning at the Bennington Battle Day and Northfield Labor Day marches.

Dahlin, having conferred with lawyers, says organizers can't mask social commentary in the city-sponsored parade, and could be taken to court if they tried.

"It appears the city as a municipality cannot specifically regulate and/or jury what and who will be in the parade without jeopardizing constitutional rights and free speech," he has written in a memo on the issue.

"Additionally, we cannot restrict participation by anyone we may not want in the parade for

whatever reason unless they do not meet registration deadlines."

But that won't stop the city from suggesting guidelines. "I want everyone to know we welcome them, but we'd really like to play down the politics," Dahlin said. "We recognize this is potentially the last hurrah for politicians to get exposure. We ask they honor the spirit and intent of the Halloween parade."

Incumbents and non-incumbents will be treated the same way as any other marcher, the guidelines say, but "we ask that signs seeking to advance political agendas and/or candidates not be part of the parade."

Also, "buttons, stickers and other political paraphernalia are not to be handed out during the parade."

"The parade is not intended for the purpose to make political statements, advance one's political agenda and make religious statements and other statements that may not be in keeping with the Halloween theme," the guidelines add.

Dahlin acknowledged the city had no way to enforce the rules if someone broke them.

"I will ask them to rethink it, but I will deny them? No. I hope the voting public would take them to task. If that's what they do in a parade, what are they going to do in public office?"

Leaders of the city's major political parties haven't seen the guidelines yet, but plan on being at the parade.

Democrats, for example, will offer cider and cookies at their Merchants Row headquarters.

"It would be nice just to have a reminder to folks to get out and vote," city Democratic Chairwoman Cheryl Hooker said. "One year I dressed up as a bal-

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Here's the fourth of 11 clues:
Put on your thinking cap and be very keen,

O'Lantern's face was once familiar on the political scene. 10/14

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Here's the fifth of 11 clues:
Seventeen years in retail, business was his game

Years of hard work resulted in his recognizable name. 10/17

Party Bridge

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Dance Lessons

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Room on the bus for trip to Holyoke

The Godnick Adult Center announced there are still openings for the Holyoke (Mass.) Mail Shopping trip on Friday, Nov. 3.

The \$18 fee covers the cost of the Premier bus transportation.

The bus leaves the center at 8 a.m. and returns at about 6 p.m. 10/21

Parade: Focus is on Halloween, not politics

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lot to remind people."

Republicans, for their part, may march in the parade.

"There is some thought about a float, but I can't disclose that right now — it's supposed to be a surprise," city Republican Chairman Paul Clifford said.

"I don't see any harm if someone wants to hold a sign on the side of the street or walk up and down the sidewalk with a button on," Clifford added.)

The Rutland High School Art Club sparked aldermen's concern last Halloween after rolling out a 7-foot-tall dung beetle decorated with price tags representing troubled projects like the city's \$17 million transit center.

The rules won't scare away the

club, which is working on an entry that, as in past years, will be a secret until the parade.

"This will be humorous and it does have a message," art teacher Steve Halford said. "We'd rather have people wait to know what it is to give ourselves more of an impact."

Halford noted the dung beetle was in the same parade as marchers dressed as monsters and

maniacs.

"There are worse things that Halloween depicts," the art teacher said. "We didn't do anything harm-

ful. We poke fun. I never saw people laugh so hard. Sometimes you have to do a little controversy to gets people's attention."

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City's Halloween Parade is Oct. 31

The Rutland Recreation Department is gearing up for Rutland City's 41st Halloween Parade, to be held Tuesday, Oct. 31, in downtown Rutland.

Organizers are always looking to add floats or marching units to the parade.

The number of units will be limited, so don't delay getting in your entry.

They encourage civic organizations, service clubs, businesses, and anyone who wants to be in the parade to contact the department for an entry form.

Trophies will be awarded in various categories.

The state Department of Tourism has named the Rutland parade one of the top 10 fall events in Vermont.

There is no charge to be in the parade. For more information and an entry form call the Recreation Department at 773-1822, or stop by the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St., Rutland.

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Here's the ninth of 11 clues:
President of the Rotary Club, active with charities, he stands tall.

As an active member of this community, he does it all. 10/23





Miss Vermont 2000 Hannah Nelson of Ryegate (left) talks with gubernatorial candidate Ruth Dwyer and Rutland City Alderman Gregory Thayer during the Winter in August celebration Tuesday.

Winter: Hot food, politics on menu

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and merchants to political leaders to hospital employees.

The 19th annual event, the Rutland County Chamber of Commerce's annual tribute to the ski industry, was a Who's Who of Rutland County. Former mayor Jeffrey Wennberg and former congressional candidate Mark Candon were in attendance. So were former alderman Paul Clifford and former chamber president Rich Carlson.

Killington businessman Bernard Rome and Killington Ltd. President Allen Wilson moved among the crowd. Sam Gorruso, publisher of Sam's Good News, was in attendance. So was Channel 15 executive director Michael Valentine.

Ruth Anne Barker, the newly appointed principal of Currier Memorial School in Danby, could be found, as could Danby Republican luminary George McNeill.

Rep. Cheryl Hooker, D-Rutland City, and Alderman Kevin Jones were mingling, and so was Hannah Nelson of Ryegate, Miss Vermont 2000.

They moved about in small circles, stopping at booths from

restaurants all over the county. Some congregated by the cheese platter offered by Paynter's Restaurant at Holiday Inn, others near the steak bits provided by Sirloin Saloon.

Between bites business, politics and recent vacations were discussed, and all the while the loudspeakers played music ranging from Frank Sinatra and 1930s swing to recent R&B.

Meub and Dwyer said they got a good reaction from the crowd for which they had forsaken the food.

"This is my crowd," Meub said. "I know almost everyone here, and most of them are saying they'll be voting for me. I'm looking for the faces I don't recognize."

Meub said he had only missed Winter in August two or three times since the event began nearly two decades ago.

This was Dwyer's first time at the event, but she said she still knew many in attendance.

"I saw a lot of people I met when I was campaigning two years ago," she said. "The response was good — we get a good feeling everywhere we go."

Dean addressed the crowd about the revival of Rutland City

and the travel industry's role in Rutland's economy.

"Rutland is the most dependent on tourism and travel of all the counties in Vermont," he said. "Rutland has made enormous strides in the past 10 years."

Meub echoed Dean's comments on Rutland's revival.

"Rutland deserves to be proud of itself," he said. "I look at the back of the Paramount and I remember how long it was closed. The Paramount re-opening is a huge statement about the success of this community."

As candidates spoke of Rutland's rosy present, Tracy Taylor, head of mountain services for Killington ski resort, said skiers can look forward to a rosy future.

"The Woodward (reservoir) project is going to increase our snowmaking capacity by 30 percent," Taylor said. "If we'd had that capacity last Thanksgiving, we would've been able to put all the people who were in our beds on our hill."

He also said Killington would adjust its marketing strategy.

"We're more aggressively chasing the ski-week customer," Taylor said. "That's where our growth options are."

Adult Softball

PLAYOFFS

Women's B

(All Games 6:15 p.m.)

Monday, Aug. 21

Game 1: Road Runners vs. Jilly's Jags, MF

Game 2: F.H. Fitness/Ballards vs. Wayne's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Jilly's vs. Two Sheas, MS 8:40 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 4: F.H. Fitness/Over Easy's vs. B.E. McGee, MF

Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, Gio

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Thursday, Aug. 24

Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, JFC

Women's C

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 1: Olive/Olive vs. Ryan, Smith and Carbine, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 2: Olive's Girls vs. Andrea's Pizza, MS 8:40 p.m.

Game 3: Sweet Tomatoes vs. Jilly's Pounders, MS

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Game 4: Winner game 1 vs. Zeno's, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 5: Cass' Pub vs. Jilly's, MS

Game 6: Winner game 2 vs. Red Moon Saloon, JFC

Game 7: Winner 3 vs. Jilly's Bottom of the Fifth, MF

Thursday, Aug. 24

Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. winner game 5, MF

Game 9: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Friday, Aug. 25

Game 10: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, JFC

Men's B

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Game 1: Jilly's Dogs vs. Jilly's, Gio

Game 2: Brownstone 11 vs. Jilly's Roughnecks, MF

Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto vs. Jilly's Renegades, JFC

Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports vs. Palms, MS

Game 5: Keith's/Jilly's vs. Parker's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Game 6: Winner game 1 vs. Dart Mart, Gio

Thursday, Aug. 17

Game 6: Winner game 1 vs. Brownstone 11, MS 8:40

Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS

Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. Ollie's, JFC

Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, MS

Friday, Aug. 18

Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Game 11: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Monday, Aug. 21

Game 12: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, MS

Men's C

Thursday, Aug. 17

Game 1: C.J.'s vs. Ollie's, MF

Game 2: Feds vs. Jilly's Devils, MS 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18

Game 3: Magoo's vs. F.H. Fitness, MS 8:40 p.m.

Game 4: Vito's vs. Mids/Mr. Cs, MS 8:40 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 21

Game 5: Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2, MS

Game 6: Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4, Gio

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 7: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, MF

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Game 8: Winner game 7 vs. winner game 8, Gio

Game 9: Winner game 9 vs. winner game 10, MS

Game 10: Winner game 11 vs. winner game 12, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 11: Winner game 13 vs. winner game 14, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 12: Winner game 15 vs. winner game 16, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 13: Winner game 17 vs. winner game 18, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 14: Winner game 19 vs. winner game 20, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 15: Winner game 21 vs. winner game 22, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 16: Winner game 23 vs. winner game 24, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 17: Winner game 25 vs. winner game 26, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 18: Winner game 27 vs. winner game 28, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 19: Winner game 29 vs. winner game 30, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 20: Winner game 31 vs. winner game 32, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 21: Winner game 33 vs. winner game 34, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 22: Winner game 35 vs. winner game 36, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 23: Winner game 37 vs. winner game 38, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 24: Winner game 39 vs. winner game 40, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 25: Winner game 41 vs. winner game 42, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 26: Winner game 43 vs. winner game 44, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 27: Winner game 45 vs. winner game 46, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 28: Winner game 47 vs. winner game 48, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 29: Winner game 49 vs. winner game 50, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 30: Winner game 51 vs. winner game 52, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 31: Winner game 53 vs. winner game 54, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 32: Winner game 55 vs. winner game 56, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 33: Winner game 57 vs. winner game 58, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 34: Winner game 59 vs. winner game 60, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 35: Winner game 61 vs. winner game 62, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 36: Winner game 63 vs. winner game 64, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 37: Winner game 65 vs. winner game 66, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 38: Winner game 67 vs. winner game 68, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 39: Winner game 69 vs. winner game 70, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 40: Winner game 71 vs. winner game 72, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 41: Winner game 73 vs. winner game 74, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 42: Winner game 75 vs. winner game 76, MS 7:30 p.m.

Rutland Rec offers harmonica courses

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Ron Pulver, who has more than 27 years experience with the harmonica, will teach the course. Two sessions will be offered: session 1 from Sept. 11 to Oct. 16 and session 2 from Oct. 30 to Dec. 4.

The program costs \$50 for residents, with a \$5 discount if you sign up before Sept. 4 or Oct. 23. You will need to buy a harmonica and course book. The Recreation Department has information to help you with this.

Jazz Ensemble will finish up park series

The finale for the Rutland Recreation Department's Seven to Sunset Series will feature the Vermont Jazz Ensemble on Wednesday, Aug. 16, in Main Street Park from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Vermont Jazz Ensemble is a 17-member instrumental music group that specializes in the jazz or big band styles, although its repertoire also includes Latin, rock, fusion and current music.

Every performance features ensemble work, sectional, individual solos and improvisation.

Bathrooms will be available at the corner of Evergreen Center, 7 Court Square.

Adult Softball

Playoffs

Men's B

Thursday, Aug. 17

Game 1: Jilly's 12, Jilly's Dogs 9

Game 2: Jilly's Roughnecks 21, Brownstone 11

Game 3: Cass' Pub/Carey's Auto 17, Jilly's Renegades 5

Game 4: Muck's/Replay Sports 23, Palms 11

Game 5: Keith's/Jilly's vs. Parker's Auto Body, MS 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18

Game 6: Winner game 4 vs. Dart Mart, Gio

Monday, Aug. 21

Game 6: Winner game 1 vs. Brownstone 11, MS 8:40

Game 7: Winner game 2 vs. winner game 3, MS 8:40

Game 8: Winner game 4 vs. Ollie's, JFC

Game 9: Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6, MS

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 10: Winner game 6 vs. winner game 7, MS

Game 11: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Wednesday, Aug. 23

Game 12: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, JFC

Men's D

Friday, Aug. 18

Game 7: Tyler's Team vs. Brahma Bulls, MF

Game 8: All Lines vs. winner game 3, MS

Game 9: Buccaneers vs. Two Sheas, MS 7:30 p.m.

Game 10: A Crust Above vs. Sanborn's, JFC

Monday, Aug. 21

Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. winner game 9, Gio

Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. winner game 11, MS

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. winner game 13, JFC

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Band Concert

Rutland, The Rutland City Band performs concert in the bandstand in Main Street Park, corner of South Main and West streets, 7:30 p.m.

Vermont Jazz

Rutland, Main Street Park, "Vermont Jazz Ensemble," 7-9 p.m., finale of the Rutland Recreation Dept., Seven to Sunset Series.

Farmers Market

Rutland, The Farmers Market in Depot Park features local produce, baked goods, crafts, hanging baskets and much more, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Dear Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Children's Performance

Lebanon, N.H., The Lebanon Recreation Department's summer concert series in Colburn Park features magic, juggling, mimes and music, noon, no charge, 603-448-5121.

Vt. Jazz Ensemble

Rutland, Main Street Park, Vermont Jazz Ensemble, 7-9 p.m., finale of the Rutland Recreation Department, Seven to Sunset Series.



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Here's the sixth of 11 clues:

Born and raised in Rutland, a local boy,

His wife and three children bring him great joy. 8-15

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Here's the seventh clue:

Active in the community, he has worn many hats

New he's responsible with the Chamber for welcome mats.

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Here's the eighth clue:

President of Rutland Region Community TV,

He brings shows of local interest for us to see.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

He makes a good point... two, in fact

8-18



Dion Webster (right) rises to the occasion for two points during a recent pick-up game of basketball at Meadow Street Park in Rutland.

CALEB KENNA / RUTLAND HERALD

Hail to the Queen

8-19



Jill Talbot of Mill River Union High School is crowned the 2000 Pumpkin Queen by Rutland Recreation Superintendent Lelf Dahlin at the studios of Channel 15 in Rutland on Wednesday. Talbot will ride in Rutland City's annual Halloween parade on Oct. 31.

VYTO STARINSKAS / RUTLAND HERALD

Today

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Ballroom dance lessons with Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori, 7:30 p.m., 1 hour, Godnick Center, \$6 per couple; pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Jack O'Lantern

Jack O'Lantern will be unveiled in the Center Street Alley on Oct. 31, following the annual Halloween Parade.

The contest is open to all children in grades K-6. The winners must be present to win. Here are the final clues:

So following the parade, bring your guess to Center Street alley. You must be present to have it included in the final tally.

Now I have one last clue that I think will help you, O'Lantern is none other than Tom.

Dance Lessons

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead potpourri of dance lessons, includes line, contra, circle and more, 7:30 p.m., Godnick Center, \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Aikido program still has openings

The Rutland Recreation Department still has openings in the Beginners Aikido program.

Travis Potter, who began his training in 1992, will teach the program. The Aikido class started on Oct. 23 and ends on Nov. 29.

Aikido will be taught on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. The cost of the program is \$48 for residents and \$55 for non-residents.

The Aikido program is limited to 10 students; so don't hesitate if you are interested. Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Arts, crafts course for children, 4-6

The Rutland Recreation Department has a new arts and crafts program for children ages 4 through 6.

Kinder Krafts will offer different themes for each class. The different themes will be creature magnets, fall paintings, leaf prints, mosaics, Santa's sleigh, wreaths, stockings and gingerbread houses.

The classes will be held Wednesdays at the Dana Recreation Center from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. The first class will be Nov. 1 and the last class for this session will be Dec. 20.

The cost of the program is \$20 for residents and \$27 for non-residents. Class size is limited. Sign-up is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Play Chess/Checkers

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Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Halloween Parade

Rutland, marching bands, super heroes, floats, unmasking of Jack O'Lantern, 6:30 p.m., 773-1822.

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Halloween Parade

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Gov. Howard Dean waves to participants in the annual Rutland Halloween Parade.

BY T. STARINKAS / RUTLAND HERALD

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Rec basketball

The Rutland Recreation Department is registering all boys in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades interesting in playing basketball this winter. The registration deadline is Nov. 8 and the fee is \$36 for city residents. Non-residents may register for \$43 if they reside in a community without a similar program. A separate check or cash for \$40 is also needed for a uniform deposit.

Registration can be done at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center Street from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Parent information handouts are available at registration.

Tomorrow

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They only come out at night

City hosts its 41st Halloween Parade

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

It's not every day Leif Dahlin dons his century-old black bear coat.

"I wear it every Halloween." Not to trick or treat—but to tackle the Rutland Halloween Parade.

Dahlin, city recreation superintendent, is one of dozens of recreation, police and public works employees who will direct tonight's 41st annual march.

School bands and community floats will line up at 5:30 p.m. on Madison and side streets, and step off at 6:30 p.m. They will travel from Strongs Avenue, to Wales and West streets, and down Merchants Row, ending at the downtown shopping plaza.

This year's Pumpkin Queen, Jill Talbot of Mill River Union High in Clarendon, will unmask the parade's mystery Jack O'Lantern in Center Street Alley immediately after the march.

Parade organizers are asking parents to keep children from running into the streets.

"Safety is paramount," Dahlin said Monday.

Organizers also are asking political candidates and campaign workers not to hand out buttons, signs and bumper stickers.

"We've had very few politicians or political action groups look to get involved with the parade, but I suspect they'll be on the streets," Dahlin said.

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Halloween Parade Route



Parade features more than 60 units

The lineup for the 41st annual Rutland Halloween Parade is as follows:

Section 1

Rutland City Police Department, lead police cruiser; Rutland Recreation Department, banner; Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard, marching unit; Mayor John Cassarino, car; Pumpkin Queen Jill Talbot, Mill River Union High School; Mill River Union High School, marching band; Rutland City Fire Department, platform truck; Steve Baldwin aka "Mr. Blues," dancing troll; Rutland Town Elementary School, marching band; Rutland Town Chorus, flatbed float with castle; Killington Resort, flatbed float; Pumpkin Prin-



cess, Gabrielle Gladding, Otter Valley Union High School; Otter Valley Union High School, marching band; Central Vermont Public Service Corp., flatbed float; Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, flatbed float; Rutland Regional Medical Center Operating Room, float.

Section 2

Pumpkin Princess, Jenna Alberico, Rutland High School; Rutland High School, marching band; Rutland Senior High School Art Club, garden cart and marchers carrying float; Wal-Mart, flatbed float; Barstow Memorial School, march-

See Page B3: Lineup

Lineup: 60-plus entries in parade

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ing band; 4-H Teen Council, float and marchers; Garden Time, flatbed float with trailer; Rutland Historical Society, marchers representing 11 governors; Fabian Rentals, marchers; Pumpkin Princess, Stephani Kononan, Poulney High School; Poulney High School, marching band; Girl Scout Troop 23, marchers; Pumpkin Princess, Ashley Giglio, Mount St. Joseph Academy, with majorettes; Mount St. Joseph Academy, flatbed float.

Section 3

Rutland Middle School Art Club, float and marchers; Rutland Intermediate School, float and marchers; Rutland Herald, flatbed float; Wild Hooves 4-H Club, flatbed float; Pittsford Fire Department, Boo-Mobile car and float, hay wagon with band; Trinity Church Community Cupboard, marchers; Andy Provost, car made into hearse with marchers.

Section 4

Pumpkin Princess, Sarah Lalbarte, West Rutland High School;

West Rutland High School, marching band and flatbed float; Raymond Nutting, 1931 Ford; WJIR and Cat Country, flatbed float; Stafford Technical Center, flatbed float and marchers; Torr Niklasson, float; Head Over Heels/KAM Service, float; Tents for Events, pony and cart.

Section 5

Pumpkin Princess, Kelly Anderson, Fair Haven Union High School; Fair Haven Union High School, marching band and flatbed float; Danby Corvette Club, float with four Willey's Jeeps; Southwest Freedom Riders, marchers and motorcycles; Clarendon Elementary School Parent-Teacher Club, flatbed float; VASA-Vermont ATV Association, all-terrain vehicles; Pumpkin Princess, Kristi Pelkey, Proctor Junior/Senior High School; Proctor Junior/Senior High School, marching band and float; Rutland Area Vehicle Enthusiasts, 12 cars; Z-97 Radio, van with marchers; Big "Benji" Promotions — Tri-State Wrestling, flatbed float; Green Mountain Kleen,

flatbed float; Fabian Earth Moving, cars, go-carts, small trucks; Sugar Bugs, marchers, float and hay wagon; Resurrection Ranch, float; Rutland Valley Kennel Club and Rutland County Humane Society, marchers, float and dogs; Zero Gravity, float with ramp in tow; Jack O'Lantern.

Parade

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More than 60 marching units are expected in tonight's parade. "I think we're in great shape—just hold out for the weather," Dahlin said.

His coat may come in handy. The parade, like the post office, goes on snow or rain or heat or gloom of night.

"It will be held just about regardless of conditions," Dahlin said. "It's going to take an awful lot to cancel this. Dress for the occasion."

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1-4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Dance Lesson

Rutland, Mary-Anne and Mario Liguori lead line dancing lesson, 10 a.m., Godnick Center, \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Play Chess/Checkers

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Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Godnick Adult Center, 7:30-11 p.m., lesson from 8:30-9 p.m., \$5 per person, non-members \$8, all dance levels are welcome, light refreshments and door prizes, 773-6971.

Friday

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Rec hoop

The Rutland Recreation Department is forming a men's Over 30 League. Team packets are available at the department office at 39 East Center Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fees and team rosters must be returned to the office by 5 p.m. on Nov. 29.

The league will consist of the first eight teams to enter. Play will begin on Dec. 10 and will be held Sunday mornings through early March. All players must be 30 or older to participate.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Dance Lesson

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JON CLENDER / RUTLAND HERALD

Rutland High earned first-place honors as the best costumed band Tuesday night in the city's annual Halloween Parade.

Strike^{#1} up the bands

Rutland's 41st Halloween Parade offers treats for both ears and eyes

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

The chief executive officer of Central Vermont Public Service Corp. waved an ax to punctuate his point before thousands of Rutlanders on Tuesday.

"I have a heart!" No, Robert Young didn't lose his head. Instead, dressed as the Tin Woodsman, he found the valentine-shaped clock on his company's "Wizard of Oz" float in Rutland City's 41st annual Halloween Parade.

More than 60 school bands and community floats rolled through downtown streets

Tuesday night, rocking sidewalks lined with costumed children and politicians looking to scare up a few last votes.

Rutland Mayor John Cassarino and Pumpkin Queen Jill Talbot of Mill River Union High in Clarendon led the parade in chauffeured convertibles, ushering in everything from an old-fashioned horse and carriage to newfangled skateboarders with their own rolling ramp.

School bands traded traditional uniforms and Sousa marches for costumes and contemporary tunes.

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CHRISTIAN WIDEAWAKE

Rutland Middle School principal Will Cunningham conducts his school's band during the city's annual Halloween Parade on Tuesday. The school earned an honorable mention.



CHRISTIAN WIDEAWAKE

A 34-foot-long snake devours a Holstein cow as part of the Rutland High School Art Club's rolling commentary about the recent purchase of Ben & Jerry's by an international company.



JON CLENDER / RUTLAND HERALD

The hospital operating room staff did the "Time Warp" again with its Rocky Horror Picture Show parade entry.

Parade: Treat for the eyes and ears

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Rutland High musicians donned sombreros to play Santana songs. Proctor High dressed as insects for "Ants Marching" by the Dave Matthews Band. Otter Valley Union High students turned into chameleons to perform the so-titled tune by Herbie Hancock.

Poultney High musicians defied the chill with Hawaiian shirts.

"We're the Beach Boys," said a gaggle of Poultney girls.

The West Rutland band, for its part, dressed as witches and ghosts while classmates on an accompanying float celebrated Christmas.

"Go figure," one of the ghosts said.

"Fifty-five days 'til Christmas," a sign added.)

The mishmash continued on floats. Head Over Heels gymnastics studio bounced on a trampoline. Killington ski area blew soap bubbles from a snow-making gun. WJIR-FM boasted live sheep and an 829-pound pumpkin carved by the chef of the Cortina Inn.

The state's largest power company wasn't the only one with a "Wizard of Oz" entry. The Rutland Herald offered a float with a wicked witch bicycling in midair, while city Republicans drove home their own message.

"I don't think we're in Vermont anymore, Toto," their

sign said.

The march tucked in a few reminiscences. Rutland Town School carried a sign in memory of teacher Iris Ferraro, who died earlier this month.

"Will you write that in capital letters?" said banner carrier Brittany Kleefisch, one of Ferraro's students. "She deserves it."

The Rutland Historical Society offered 11 members dressed as former Vermont governors from the area.

"We wanted to do something different," said curator James Davidson, holding a "Spirits of the Past" sign. "Rutland has provided the state with 11 governors, and we thought that was significant."

(They range from Israel Smith, governor from 1807-8 to Robert Stafford, governor from 1959-61.)

Parade organizers had asked current-day political candidates and campaigns not to hand out buttons, signs and bumper stickers. But that didn't stop marchers from holding political statements.

The Rutland High School Art Club, for example, offered a 34-foot-long black snake bearing the words "international conglomerates" devouring one of Vermont's most sacred cows.

"The snake is choking down the Ben & Jerry's cow," art teacher Steve Halford said of an accompanying papier-mache Holstein. "These big industries are coming in and consuming

that which is Vermont."

Resurrection Ranch of Clarendon offered a more stinging statement on a float that featured its own gubernatorial candidate, Marilyn Verna Christian, singing in a graveyard littered with the names of current local and state leaders.

"Demon-crazy," the sign said. Parade organizers presented several awards immediately after the march, including:

◆ Best in show to Fair Haven Union High's "Phantom of the Opera" band costumes and float.

◆ Most original to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce's Merlin float.

◆ Most creative to Garden Time and Rutland High Encore Theatre's castle and pirate ship.

◆ Best costumed band to Rutland High.

◆ Best costumed marching unit to West Rutland School.

◆ Runner-up awards to Killington, the Herald, Proctor High, the Wild Hooves 4-H Club's stable float and Fabian Earth Moving's clowns.

◆ Honorable mentions to CVPS, Rutland Middle School's 12-foot-tall puppet music conductor and Ray Nutting's "Just Married" car with dog Goldi as bride.

Parade organizers also unmasked the parade's mystery Jack O'Lantern, Thomas Donahue, head of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce.

Rotary Preschool is making changes

The Rutland Recreation Department has made many changes to the Rotary Preschool program, now more than 20 years old.

More options are now available for local preschoolers. The number of days available has been expanded and the age group offerings now allow for more children to get involved. The program is now open to children 2 to 5.

The program is designed to introduce children to many experiences and skills while they build self-confidence, learn and have fun throughout the school year. Learning situations will be

New recreation brochure is ready

The Rutland Recreation Department's Winter 2000/2001 brochure is now available.

The brochure will be distributed through the Rutland Schools soon; others may pick one up at the recreation office at 39 East Center St.

The following is a list of the programs being offered: aerobics, polarity energy exercise, Hatha yoga, Tai Chi, Aikido, Guitar II, Harmonica II, basketball for first- and second-grade boys and girls, basketball for third- and fourth-grade girls, basketball for third-grade boys, ice skating lessons, arts and crafts for ages 4-6 (KinderKrafts), Music Together for ages newborn to 6, February Vacation Camp, pitching clinic and Santa phone calls.

City parade, tree lighting Nov. 24

Downtown Rutland will kick off its holiday celebration, Starry Nights, with its traditional Santa parade following a new route to the lighting of the holiday tree in Depot Park on Friday, Nov. 24.

The new route will wind through downtown beginning on Wales Street near the police station and then go down Washington Street, along Merchants Row, up Center Street, across Wales Street to West Street and then onto Merchants Row again, where it will take Santa and company to Depot Park.

The flatter route was chosen to allow participation by groups that did not do so in the past because of the downhill route, which could have been dangerous in bad weather.

The Starry Nights Santa parade will begin at 6 p.m. and the tree will be lit at about 6:30 p.m. in Depot Park.

Mayor John Cassarino will lead the ceremony. There will be caroling, refreshments and visits with Santa following the lighting of the tree.

Any group, organization or individual is welcome to join the parade. Interested people should call the Rutland Partnership at 773-9380.

Starry Nights will continue Dec. 14-17 with four days of activities in downtown Rutland. Caroling, customer appreciation nights, a craft fair, wagon rides and a blessing of the animals will be part of the event.

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Chess Club's new leader is Whitney

The Rutland Recreation Department's Chess Club has a new leader. His name is Paul Whitney.

The club meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lessons are taught during the first half-hour of instruction.

The club uses standard Chess Federation rules. Members can bring their own equipment or use what is available at the club.

All levels of play are welcome.

Tomorrow

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Rutland Bazaar

Rutland, Rutland Recreation Department's Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, 9:30-3 p.m., baked goods, wooden doll furniture, baby blankets, quilts, and more, Godnick Center.

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SANTA CLAUS is coming

TOWN



The traditional downtown holiday season will have more new twists this year than the spirals on a candy cane.

By LAURIE LYNN FISCHER
Herald Staff

In Vincent Van Gogh's famous painting, "Starry Night," swirling orbs illuminate the sky over the spire-studded skyline of a valley community.

Life will imitate art today when Rutland sparks its Starry Nights celebration with a Santa parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

The traditional downtown holiday season will have more new twists this year than the spirals on a candy cane.

The ceremony's configuration is new this year, says Lisa Durstin-Madigan, marketing coordinator with the Downtown Rutland Partnership, which orchestrates the festi-

Starry Nights in Rutland

■ **Tonight:**
Parade, Tree
Lighting. 6 p.m.

■ **Dec. 14-17:**
Caroling, wagon
rides, customer
appreciation rites at
downtown merchants

■ **Dec. 15:** Star
gazing. Meet behind
73 Center St. just
after sunset

we've done is condensed it. Between Dec. 14 and 17 we have something scheduled every day. We have a new element every day on each of those days."

The partnership is introducing a stargazing party, craft fair, blessing of the animals and strolling carolers from area schools.

Even the parade that officially begins the pre-solstice celebration will be different. For one thing, this will be the first year that live sheep prance in the procession, tended by 4-H members

of the partnership. The old route down Center Street from Main Street discouraged some participants because the hill could be slippery in snow and ice, she says.

"This one winds more through our streets," she says. "It gives more exposure for those who are on the street. This way, it touches more of downtown."

Escorted by Killington mascots, clowns and a VFW color guard, Santa Claus will start his sleigh ride at 6 p.m. on Wales Street near City Hall. He'll hang a left on Washington Street, then a right on Merchant's Row, a right on Center Street, a left back onto Wales

revelers will discover 1,000 more points of light than last year, along with an optical "surprise" to give them "an extra dimension," according to Durstin-Madigan.

"It's a four year program, beginning this year, so every year we'll add more and more and more," she says. "Our vision is we want this to be a city of light. We want to glow."

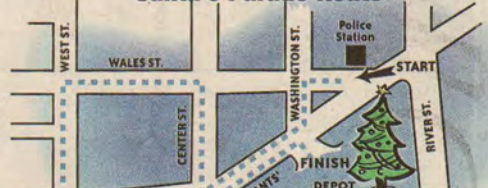
Mayor John Cassarino will serve as master of ceremonies. His

daughter Paula Cassarino will lead the crowd in caroling before the tree lighting, accompanied by her cousin James Cassarino on a keyboard.

Once Kris Kringle flicks the "on" switch, children may clamor into his lap for a chat. He plans to give each one a gift. Meanwhile, the crowd can warm up with free cocoa and snacks

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Santa's Parade Route



Season begins

11-25



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The city's annual Starry Nights festivities kicked off Friday night with a parade through the streets of downtown and a tree lighting at Depot Park. Above, Raymond Nutting drives his antique Ford in the parade with his yellow lab, Goldie, beside him. Left, Don Bartstein carries his son Daniel on his shoulders. Below, Mayor John Cassarino (far right), Santa Claus and a chorus of snow angels from Mount St. Joseph Academy gather in Depot Park for the tree lighting ceremony. The Starry Nights will continue later in the month with caroling, wagon rides and customer appreciation nights at downtown merchants Dec. 14-17. On Dec. 15, there will be stargazing behind 73 Center St. There will be an interfaith blessing of the animals on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m. at Depot Park.



Skateboarders want new park

By DAMIAN PAGANO
Herald Staff

Some local skateboarders want to move inside, away from the frosty air and from the frosty reception from business owners and police officers.

Half a dozen skateboarders addressed the city Board of Aldermen last week and sought advice on how to go about building a new indoor skate park.

"Business owners and cops and everybody I can think of yell at us," said Brian Wilkinson of Rutland. "We're just trying to have a good time. We just want a place to skate."

The project actually was the idea of a Rutland City police officer, but he passed it along to Chris Donahue, 14 of Rutland, and a friend.

"He told me that he would

really like me and my friend to do something about it and bring it to the next level," Donahue said. "The next level was talking to the aldermen."

The problem is, Donahue said, that Zero Gravity Skate Park is too expensive and isn't open year-round — leaving skateboarders in search of places to skate outside. The skate park, Donahue said, is geared more toward inline skaters than skateboarders.

"It's just better if you have Rollerblades on," he said.

Zero Gravity is open from early May through late October — Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$8 for city residents for one day of skating.

That fee, Donahue said, is too much for many skateboarders.

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Skate: Seeking space

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"Most of us only get \$10 allowance a week," he said. "That will get you in once. And you don't have enough money to buy any drinks. What we want is a skate park that's affordable."

His sentiments were echoed by the other skateboarders at the meeting. It's too cold to skate outside in the winter when Zero Gravity isn't open, they said. And when it is, it's tough for them to come up with the admission price.

"We just want a place that's affordable," said Marcus Sweeney of Mendon.

Several aldermen said they would support the notion of a new skate park — if it is well run.

"I'm in favor of anything that is well run," Alderman Charles Franzoni said.

Aldermen William Gillam said

the city Recreation Committee could discuss the idea at its next meeting. He recommended that the skaters approach local business owners who might have empty building space.

"There are some buildings with a lot of space in them where a skate park could go," he said. "But there might be a fee involved."

Donahue said he and his friends would be willing to help design and build the park — if the idea ever comes to fruition — to help keep it affordable.

It has happened in other parts of the state. Skate parks have been built in St. Albans and Burlington at the urging of local skaters. In St. Albans, the park was built with their help.

"We would like to help out with the building of it," Donahue said. "All we want to do is skate."

Santa: Comes to Rutland

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provided by Price Chopper. Santa will make another appearance in mid-December, prowling through downtown Rutland during an intensive four-day slate of activities.

Anyone hoping to follow him home can learn to identify the Pole Star at a stargazing session led by amateur astronomer Ron Lewis of Brandon.

"The nights are so clear in the winter," says Trotter. "When you have a clear night in Rutland, you just see millions of stars."

Observations will occur just after sunset on Friday, Dec. 15 in the parking lot behind 73 Center St. Several telescopes will be available. In addition, members of the public are encouraged to bring their own telescopes and binoculars. The cloud date is Saturday, Dec. 16.

Shifting from celestial to bestial, an interfaith blessing of the animals will take place at 1 p.m. Dec. 17 in Depot Park. There to do the honors, depending on which faith the critters practice, will be The Rev. Madison from Christ the King Catholic Church, The Rev. Powell from Trinity Episcopal Church and Rabbi Goldberg from the Rutland Jewish Center.

"We're asking that everyone have their animal restrained and that people prepare to pick up after them afterwards," says Durstin-Madigan.

At various times throughout the weekend, carolers will serenade from street corners, including the Rutland Middle School Middle Tones the Rutland High School A Cappella choir and faculty from Christ the King school.

Lest anyone forget the materialistic side of Yuletide, holiday shoppers can browse the wares of 25 crafters at a fair on Saturday Dec. 16 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the lobby of the Asa Bloomer state office building.

"The other thing we're doing that's new this year is

"The nights are so clear in the winter. When you have a clear night in Rutland, you just see millions of stars."

Toni Trotter

VIP night on Thursday and Friday," says Durstin-Madigan. "We're just encouraging the businesses to do some kind of customer appreciation promotion."

Not everything in Starry Nights is new. Tried and true, the clip-clop of horse-drawn buggy rides will resound in the heart of Rutland on Thursday and Friday nights.

This is also the third year of the limited-edition pewter ornament program, in which merchants sell miniature downtown landmarks to hang on the tree.

"Each year we choose to replicate an architecturally or historically significant building downtown," says Durstin-Madigan. "The first year we did the Service Building. Last year we did the Paramount. This year we're doing the Opera House."

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Starry Nights

Rutland. A holiday celebration, traditional Santa parade, lighting of the holiday tree in Depot Park, 6 p.m. parade, starting on West Street, 6:30 p.m. tree lighting, caroling, refreshments and visits with Santa, any group organization, or individual is welcome to join the parade, 773-9380.

Party Bridge

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Caroling Party

Rutland. Main Street Park, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack of Christ the King School, refreshments available, 7 p.m.

Aikido, Tai Chi lessons available

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a winter Aikido session for ages 14 and up from Dec. 4 through Jan. 17, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Class size is limited.

The grace and power of Aikido comes from using an attacker's force to throw or pin him with minimal effort. Most importantly, Aikido principles of bending and non-resistance teach students to seek creative alternatives in conflict, both physical and verbal.

The Recreation Department is also offering two adult sessions of Tai Chi, taught by Eugene Gyori. The sessions will be held Dec. 14 through Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 through April 5, Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Dana Recreation Center.

Candlelight vigil for three victims

A candlelight ceremony for three murder victims and their families will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday in Depot Park.

The victims — Teresa R. King, Charles T. Conway and Debra A. Fell — will be remembered by the community.

Candles will be handed out at 7 p.m., but people are encouraged to bring their own white or cream-colored candles. At 7:15 p.m. Barbara Terrien will read a eulogy.

At 7:30 p.m., memorial candles will be lighted and will remain so for 15 minutes, five minutes for each victim.

The ceremony will close with a singing of "Silent Night."

Donations in memory of King may be made payable to: Teresa King Memorial Fund, Factory Point National Bank, 143 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, Vt., 05701.

Financial contributions in memory of Conway or Fell may be made payable to the city Recreation Department. Please indicate in whose memory the donation is being made. The city will forward all donations to the appropriate parties.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland. Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7:15 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland. Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free.

Shoveling help is still available

The Godnick Adult Center announced there are a limited amount of openings in Project Snow Shovel.

The program is open to Rutland City seniors with income limits of \$16,500 for a single person and \$22,000 for a family of two.

The service is provided daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications may be picked up at the Godnick Center on Deer Street. For information, call 773-1853.

Remembering



Photo by Caleb Kenna

Tina Conway, sister of slaying victim Charles Conway, weeps during a candlelight vigil in Rutland on Saturday night for her brother and two other area residents killed late last month.

City mourns slaying victims

By GORDON DRIITSCHLO
Staff Writer

Barbara Terrian didn't know any of the three Rutland-area residents killed late last month in a violent spree that has shaken this community.

But Terrian was moved by their deaths. So moved that, with the help of the city Recreation Department, she organized a vigil in Depot Park Saturday night to remember the victims.

"These tragedies in our community have been an eye-opener for all of us," she told the 100 people who braved the cold weather to attend. "I want everyone to know that Rutland is thinking of their loved ones."

The vigil was held for Rutland residents Charles

"These tragedies in our community have been an eye-opener for all of us."

Barbara Terrian, vigil organizer

Conway and Debra Fell, and North Clarendon resident Teresa King.

Terrian was Fell's neighbor on Robbins Street, where Fell and Conway were killed on Nov. 30. Fell's son, Donald, and his friend Robert Lee have confessed to the killings, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. The men then allegedly kidnapped King in the parking lot at the Rutland Price Chopper to steal her car and later killed her, police said. The park at which

the vigil was held is adjacent to that lot.

"It's a shame this has happened," said Mary Reynolds, a Rutland native and a friend of Conway who attended the vigil. "It's not fair."

Reynolds' son, Steven, remembered Conway's sense of humor.

"Charlie was a good friend," he said. "He could always make people laugh when they were down."

Mary Reynolds said, "I don't

know the Kings personally, but I'd like to find them. They have a petition I'd like to sign." A few minutes later, Reynolds found the King family, and signed their petition calling for the state to reinstate the death penalty.

Some felt ties to all of the victims.

"I knew Charlie and I knew Debby," said Frieda Wood. "My sister used to work at Price Chopper with Mrs. King. They worked the same shift. It could have been her or any of the other people who come in early. It's terrible."

Some at the vigil brought their own candles. Others used candles donated by Wal-Mart.

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RSVP says thank you

For the fifth year in a row, RSVP/Volunteer Center hosted a Holiday Open House for our volunteers, friends, staff and local supporters on Thursday, Dec. 7, at our offices at the Dana Recreation Center. The 80 people attending this year's festivities were treated to not only wonderful refreshments, door prizes, and good cheer but also were entertained by several invited guests. For the fourth year, Rutland High School Chamber Singers under the direction of Jennifer Hart gave an outstanding performance that was enjoyed by young and old alike. Also on hand was Charlie Angel, a local craftsman who discussed

and exhibited his beautiful wooden wares. Santa and Mrs. Claus (Pat Tucker and Pat Godzick), members of the RSVP Clowning Troupe, spread good cheer and holiday wishes throughout the event. Rudolph (Jennifer Carvey) was also on hand to provide merriment. Many thanks to the area businesses who gave generously to ensure that this recognition event would be a success.

NAN HART
(Director, RSVP)
Rutland

Rec hoop

The Rutland Recreation Department still has openings for the Grades 1-4 basketball program. Grades 1-2 is co-ed and starts Jan. 6. That program runs on Saturdays from 8 to 8:45 a.m.

The Grades 3-4 girls program and boys third grade program are Saturday programs. Those programs will begin Jan. 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The boys will play in the Keefe Gym and the girls in the Dana Gym.

Interested persons may sign up at the Dana Recreation Center. The center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
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Tomorrow

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Vigil

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which is in the same shopping plaza as Price Chopper.

During her eulogy, Terrian urged families in the community to work with police and each other to curb violence and drug use.

"If we work hard enough, we can make this a safe place for our loved ones," she said.

Terrian invited people in the crowd to come forward to speak, asking them to "speak out in compassion."

"This is my brother," said Tina Conway, holding up a framed photograph of Charles Conway. "He didn't need to die. They took his life away. He was my best friend and I miss him. I don't know how I can live without my brother."

Crying, she returned to the crowd, where family members comforted her.

Not everyone was so sympathetic.

"Some of us moved away," City Alderman Gregory Thayer said afterward. "We didn't feel right eulogizing two people who were part of the problem with this city."

Thayer was referring to Fell's and Conway's alleged

use of crack cocaine on the night they were killed.

Several people angrily denied the allegations during the ceremony.

"Charlie was into drinking, but he was never into drugs," one woman said.

People who spoke offered a variety of messages. Some pushed for better-funded police departments, some called for the reinstatement of the death penalty, and others expressed condolences for the victims' families.

Memorial candles were lit at 7:15 and burned for 15 minutes, five minutes for each victim.

Some in the crowd stood silently with their heads bowed, while others embraced. Muffled sobs could be heard over the passing traffic on Merchants Row.

"I feel for Debra Fell," one woman said. "I feel for the others. You've got to have a heart."

At the end of the 15 minutes, Terrian thanked everyone for coming, blew out her candle, and began to sing "Silent Night." The crowd joined her, and then slowly dispersed.

Rutland Rec Dept. has aerobics classes

The Rutland Recreation Department will offer another session of evening aerobics beginning in January.

Section A begins Monday, Jan. 8, and will continue for 22 classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Section B begins Tuesday, Jan. 9, and will continue for 22 classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

The fee for Rutland residents is \$44, and the non-resident fee is \$51. The deadline to register is Dec. 27 or Dec. 28, respectively. If you register after this time, a \$10 late fee is added.

The classes will be suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level. Classes will consist of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and cool-down.

Participants will need to bring a mat or towel, and wear comfort-

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able athletic shoes and clothing.

Instructors for the evening programs are Sue Classen, Mary Lou Thompson, Jerilyn Valente and Bill Kelley.

The morning Aerobics Program will continue through the holidays and end on March 7.

Also available is an Aerobics Drop-In Ticket for \$30, which entitles you to any 10 classes, day or night. The non-resident fee is \$37.

The Recreation Department is also offering Guitar II lessons. This class is for students who have previously taken Beginning Guitar. Guitar II will further develop skills in playing chords and notes in first position.

Students will learn to play barre chords based on certain first-position chords. An introduction to reading notes on the musical staff

will be given for first-position notes.

Students will choose one or two songs from their favorite musical style that include chords learned in order to begin the "repertoire."

The course will be taught by Ron Pulcer, who has been a guitarist for 27 years. Dates for the class are Feb. 26 to April 2. The time for the class is from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Guitar II is held at the Dana Recreation Center.

If you have any questions, call the recreation office at 773-1821.

Tomorrow

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

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Chess/Checkers

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Michael Dailey, the oldest grandson of murder victim Teresa King, throws the switch for the lights on the Christmas tree at a candlelight vigil on Wednesday afternoon. Looking on (at left) is Rutland Mayor John Cassarino.

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Starry Nights begin Dec. 14

Starry Nights, hosted by the Downtown Rutland Partnership, will include four days of free events and activities Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 14-17.

Downtown businesses are already preparing for VIP Nights, which will take place on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The customer appreciation nights at various downtown businesses will include specials, discounts, refreshments and more to thank customers. Businesses participating in VIP Nights will be identified by a special poster in their window.

Santa also promises to make appearances around town, and there will be horse and wagon rides from 5 to 8 p.m.

Also on Friday night, there will be Christmas caroling by Christ the King School faculty.

Friday night will feature a Star Party where all star-gazers can join local amateur astronomer Ron Lewis and friends in the parking lot of 73 Center St. (behind the Tepper and Dardeck building). Beginning at approximately 5 p.m., Lewis will lead star gazers on a journey through the night sky. People may bring their own telescopes and binoculars, and there will be some on hand to share. The cloud date for the Star Party is Saturday, Dec. 16.

Dec. 16 will be the day that shoppers can take home a handmade piece of Vermont from the Starry Nights Craft Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Asa Bloomer state office building. Twenty-five local artisans who create everything from fleece and wool products to scrapbooks, notecards, planters, food products and more will be there. Admission is free.

After or before shopping, take

a horse and wagon ride through downtown. Rides will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. and begin at Depot Park. And while in Depot Park, representatives from Killington will be there doing demonstrations and displaying some of their equipment. A snowboard simulator will be set up, and learn to ski and ride vouchers will be given out. Santa is planning to make an appearance or two throughout the day.

Sunday, Dec. 17, will be Animal Day in downtown Rutland. Blessing of the Animals will take place at 1 p.m. in Depot Park. This multi-denomination service will be held by the Rev. Madison of Christ the King Church, the Rev. Powell of Trinity Church, and Rabbi Solomon Goldberg of the Rutland Jewish Center. All animals that attend must be restrained and owners should be prepared to pick up after their pets.

Immediately after the blessing, the 4-H group Horsepower will be offering pony rides around the park. There will be wagon rides through downtown from 1 to 4 p.m., and Santa will be in town. The Rutland Middle Tones and Rutland High School A Cappella Choir will be strolling through downtown singing Christmas carols from 1 to 3 p.m.

On each of the four days, and for only these four days, everyone visiting downtown will have the chance to register to win four round-trip tickets on the Ethan Allen Express which travels to New York City.

Enter at one of three locations: Asa Bloomer State Office Building, Mail Boxes Etc. in Rutland Plaza, and in the Paramount Theatre box office lobby. No purchase is required to enter.

Party Bridge

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Rutland Rec offers some winter classes

The Rutland City Recreation Department is offering a number of classes this winter.

Susan Clasen, Mary Lou Thompson, Bill Kelley and Jerilyn Valente are teaching a popular aerobics class, suitable for beginners through advanced, with modification for each level.

Class consists of a 10-minute warm-up, an aerobic/step segment, strength work, abdominal work and a cool-down. Participants will need to bring a mat or towel, and wear comfortable athletic shoes and clothing. The class is limited in size.

There are two different sections to the class, Section A is a Monday and Wednesday program and Section B is a Tuesday and Thursday program. The classes started on Dec. 18 and end on March 8, for a total of 22 classes.

Hatha Yoga classes will be taught by Joan Canfield on Mondays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8 to March 26. Class size is limited.

Yoga brings increased flexibility, strength and balance to the body. It is a chance to develop improved breathing habits and increased concentration. It offers deep relaxation as a way to wellness.

The class is appropriate for any age, fitness level or degree of flex-

ibility. Exercises and postures are done at the level of the participant and with their range of comfort. The class ends with a period of deep relaxation.

The Recreation Department, under the instruction of Carolyn Altieri (registered polarity practitioner), will conduct a six-week program on Energy Exercises Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center.

The session will run from Jan. 9 through Feb. 13. This unique, effective, easy series of non-aerobic movements is based on the idea of energy, and encouraging calmness, vitality and health. This is non-straining, do what you can do, step-by-step approach that honors an individual's particular circumstances of build, stamina and flexibility.

Fees are \$30 for residents and \$37 for non-residents.

Register for any of these classes at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 773-1822.

Music's in the air at the Recreation Department, or it will be when Harmonica II classes begin Jan. 8. The classes will continue through Feb. 12, Mondays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This class is for students who have already taken Beginning Harmonica.

Harmonica II will further develop skills in playing first position and second position. This will involve playing songs and riffs containing non-consecutive notes. Students will learn more about improvising, blues chord progressions and using effects.

Ron Pulcer will teach the class. Fees are \$45 for residents, with a \$10 late fee if you sign up after Jan. 3. Students must purchase a harmonica and a course book. Class size is limited.

There are still some openings in the Recreation Department's Ice Skating Lessons for Tots, Pre-Alpha, Alpha and Beta.

The program starts Jan. 6 and continues through Feb. 3. All classes are limited in size. Deadline for sign-up is Dec. 29, after which a \$10 late fee will be added.

Aerobics has some openings

The Rutland Recreation Department has an ongoing Morning Aerobics Program, which began Nov. 27 and ends March 7.

The program runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Instructors for the program are Mary Ellen Conlon, Sue Clasen and Marie Parker.

Because the program began in November and has a few openings, a "drop-in ticket" is being offered at the price of \$30 for residents and \$37 for non-residents to attend any 10 classes. This includes the department's evening program, held Monday through Thursday, from 6 to 7 p.m.

To register, stop at the Recreation & Parks office, 39 East Center St., Rutland, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 773-1822 or 773-1823.

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Music Together will get started Jan. 20

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering Music Together, a family enrichment program taught by Debbie Zaccheo.

It is developmentally appropriate and educational, and is presented in a relaxed, guitar sing-a-long style for parents and children.

More detailed information is available at the Dana Recreation Center office at 39 East Center St. There will be a free demonstration Saturday, Jan. 13. Call 773-1822, ext. 17, for details.

The program runs Saturdays, from Jan. 20 through April 7. No class is scheduled for Feb. 24.

Newborn to 5-year-olds attend from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Children 4 to 6 years old attend from 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

The resident fee is \$125 (includes \$30 materials cost), non-resident is \$132. The cost for a second sibling is \$95 for residents, \$102 for non-residents.

Ballroom Dance Club

Rutland, Godnick Center, 7 to 11 p.m., dance lesson 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., members \$5, non-members \$8, dancers of all levels are welcome, light refreshments provided, 773-6971.

THINGS TO DO

Play Chess/Checkers

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ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

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Ready for more



Photo by Albert J. Marro

Anna Baker and her dog, Sasha, tread back uphill after a sledding run at Giorgetti Park in Rutland Saturday afternoon.

Shoveling offered for senior citizens

The Godnick Adult Center announced limited openings in Project Snow Shovel.

The program is open to Rutland City seniors with income limits of \$16,500 for a single person and \$22,000 for two. Income includes Social Security, interest, pensions and any other monthly income you earn.

If there is a person in your household who is capable of shoveling, please do not apply. The service is provided every day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Applications may be picked up at the Godnick Center on Deer Street. For more information call 773-1853.

IN PERSON



half year on the job, and Lequita Vance-Watkins is developing a reputation as a tireless promoter of universal access to the arts.

She doesn't consider it unusual that she works 12 to 15 hours a day at Rutland's Crossroads Arts Council. All arts organization leaders work hard, she says. "It isn't a job you want to leave when you go home ... You WANT to think about what you're doing," she stressed during a recent interview at her home.

She has been thinking. Coming from Carmel, Calif., home once to poet Robinson Jeffers and now to many visual artists, she thinks Rutland actually has even more to offer than arts-rich Carmel. To start with, Crossroads (so named because Rutland is at the crossroads of two state highways) has its dozen or so "mainstage" performances each year. It also has an arts-education program that every year brings performers to 20,000 students in 40 schools, including shows at the Head Start program for children under age 3.

What's essential, in her view, is to assure everyone knows how much the arts can enhance life. It's a lesson she learned at 10 when she moved to Houston, Texas, from a dirt-poor town in rural Oklahoma and "voraciously" took in concerts, museums and took out library books.

"The arts saved my life," at least in a spiritual sense, she says now. "I feel almost desperate about bringing that to children."

But there's another side to Vance-Watkins, one that doesn't show up in the large, high-ceilinged former Dana Elementary School room that is the headquarters and

crossroads of the Crossroads Arts Council. That side is every where apparent in her compact hilltop house in the center of Proctor.

Vance-Watkins is an artist herself. She was an interior decorator, who had a business in California for 10 years. But she's also a distinguished writer, as an award-winning poet, with two nominations for the prestigious small press Pushcart Prize. Her specialty is haiku - Japanese-style nature poems.

Her work in interior design is reflected in the sense of taste and balance that characterizes her personal appearance. Always quietly well-dressed, usually with subtly intriguing accessories, her silvered hair neatly coiffed, she seems the embodiment of the concern for quality that is one of the arts council's missions.

That doesn't mean Vance-Watkins is remote and ethereal. Away from home, she knows how to network, always beaming, always ready for conversation. She's down-to-earth, more like a woman in charge of a church supper than any self-absorbed artist.

To say Vance-Watkins writes haiku doesn't begin to convey her affinity for Japanese culture. Her home's walls are decorated with Japanese brushstroke prints. Japanese dolls look down from Japanese cabinets, and next to a Japanese desk, one of her two cats sleeps in a chair on a Japanese fabric mat. Artfully contrived bamboo racks serve storage needs, and Japanese sculptures occupy stray nooks.

Haiku helped Vance-Watkins break through what had been a lack of confidence in her own work. In high school, for instance, a teacher



Lequita Vance-Watkins: "The arts saved my life."

urged her to send one of her pieces to National Scholastic Magazine, but "I never thought of myself as being able to BE an artist."

In Carmel about 20 years ago, she was working on a children's book and joined the Society of

Children's Book Writers. Through that organization she met a friend who introduced her to haiku.

The Japanese form had come to the United States after World War II as three-line poems of 17 syllables, arranged in lines of five, seven and five syllables, but rebellious, independent American poets soon broke all those rules. What hadn't changed, Vance-Watkins found, was

the ability of these short works to evoke depths of meaning.

Soon she was not only writing haiku of her own, but also the somewhat similar five-line tanka. Eventually her works would appear in more than 30 literary journals and several anthologies.

"This heavy fog/no morning/no evening," goes one of her two works in "Haiku Moment: An Anthology of Contemporary North American Haiku." One of her 12 tanka in the anthology "Wind Five Folded." "It was/ the night bird/ that woke me/ but it is the sound of nothing/ that keeps me awake."

"There are haiku I've known for years, that I've read hundreds of times, and each time I always find something new," she says.

When she started a poetry series at Crossroads, the first poet to visit was haiku writer Rafael d'Gruttol. She said she would love to bring the Japanese tradition of renga to children in Rutland County - two poets taking turns writing, using each other's work as springboards - because it's so much easier to write in a form where "you never face a blank page."

For herself, Vance-Watkins has the challenge of promoting the arts for others and being an artist herself. "I've been fending off three poems for two weeks now," she says, and typing and mailing are going undone.

But "I'm at peace with that," she says. "It will happen in its own time."

Her summary of her dual role has a bit of Zen paradox in it: "Just because you're not writing doesn't mean you're not writing."

Ed Barna is a free-lance writer who lives in Brandon.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH
By ED BARN

Time to register for vacation camp

The Rutland Recreation Department's February Vacation Camp will take place this year from Feb. 19 to Feb. 23.

The camp will present non-stop fun and activities for children in grades K-6. The program will run Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be extended hours available for an additional fee. The program is open to all area students.

Sign-up is being held at the Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St.

Resident fees are \$50, and non-resident fees are \$57.

There is a \$10 late fee for those who sign up after Feb. 9. Call 773-1822 or come into the Dana Recreation Center office for more information.

Party Bridge

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Aikido training will start Jan. 22

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a second winter session of aikido for ages 14 and up.

The dates and times for the program are Jan. 22 through Feb. 28, Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., for a total of 12 classes. Class size is limited.

The grace and power of aikido comes from using the attacker's force to throw or pin them with minimal effort. Most importantly, aikido principles of blending and non-resistance teach students to seek creative alternatives in conflict, both physical and verbal.

As students gain confidence, they discover that force does not have to be met with force.

The cost of the program is \$48 for residents, \$55 for non-residents. Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Seasonal serenade



Members of Cub Scout Pack 120 from Christ the King School, along with parents and friends, sing Christmas carols in the gazebo in Main Street Park in Rutland on Friday night.

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Rutland Recreation Department adult softball rosters for men's, women's and co-ed divisions for the 2001 softball season are available and may be picked up at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. Completed rosters must be returned on Monday, March 26 between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rosters will not be accepted before or after this date and must be completed, with all fees due, at this time.

Packets for spring co-ed volleyball are also available at the recreation center; rosters must be completed and returned with a \$50 deposit by Feb. 20. There will be two divisions.

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THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
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ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge 217
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Play Chess/Checkers 216
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City to upgrade, 177 its diving boards

Diving into White Pool in Rutland City will soon be safer.

The city Recreation Department plans to have the two diving boards at the pool refinished with non-slip material and outfitted with anchor-bolt plates to make them safer.

Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin wrote in a letter to the city Board of Aldermen that more people were slipping on the diving boards last summer. The work was needed to protect pool patrons and protect the city from greater liability, he said.

The work will cost about \$3,000, Dahlin wrote. It will be paid with money in the White Park Trust Fund.

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THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance

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Sign up now for Vacation Camp

The Rutland Recreation Department's February Vacation Camp will take place this year from Feb. 19 to Feb. 23.

The camp will present non-stop fun and activities for children in grades K-6. The program will run Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be extended hours available for an additional fee. The program is open to all area students.

Sign-up is being held at the Dana Recreation Center, located at 39 East Center St.

Resident fees are \$50, and non-resident fees are \$57.

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Cynthia Merola and Calleen Brosse hold a small copy of the 4-foot-tall "Vermont Angel of Hope" statue that a local group is working to place on the grounds of the Godnick Senior Center.

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Hope flies

Proposed statue would comfort those who have lost a young one

By KEVIN O'CONNOR
Herald Staff

Cynthia Merola was admiring a Christmas gift when she hatched a \$20,000 plan to share it statewide. Merola, a wife, mother and aide at Rutland Intermediate School, received a small angel statue and a short story about a woman who visits a large winged replica to mourn the death of her child. Merola has neighbors who lost a child. Colleagues who lost a child. Acquaintances who lost a child. How, she wondered, could she share her gift with all of them? Enter the "Vermont Angel of Hope" Committee, which received approval from city aldermen Tuesday to

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place a 4-foot-tall bronze angel statue on the grounds of the Godnick Senior Center off Woodstock Avenue.

Merola and fellow volunteers are working to raise \$20,000 for the sculpture, base, landscaping and maintenance through community donations large and small.

Supporters see the monument as a cathartic, comforting place for anyone who has lost a young loved one to miscarriage, stillbirth, illness or injury.

"She's the Angel of Hope," Merola says. "I believe in the healing power."

So does Richard Paul Evans. He wrote the short story about the grieving woman as a gift to his children, never dreaming "The Christmas Box" would become a worldwide bestseller, a television movie and the subject of intense speculation.

Where, hundreds upon hundreds at his book signings

would ask, can one find the angel monument?

Evans found himself commissioning a bronze angel sculpture and watching as visitors to his hometown of Salt Lake City dotted it with flowers, toys, photos and other mementos of lost children.

Merola finished reading the book and a magazine article about a dozen resulting monuments throughout the country, then called Rutland City Hall.

"I thought wouldn't this be a wonderful thing to happen here."

The mayor agreed. So did the city attorney, recreation director, zoning administrator and a volunteer fund-raising committee that will accept tax-deductible donations sent to the "Vermont Angel of Hope" account at First Vermont Bank in Rutland.

Merola had yet to publicize the project when the mayor offered its first contribution

and a local hair salon suggested a cut of its proceeds. Friends will help solicit money not only in Rutland City, but also throughout the county and state.

The Vermont Angel of Hope will be an exact replica of the original statue cast by sculptor Ortho Fairbanks. Supporters hope to dedicate the monu-

ment this fall with a reading of children's names lost but remembered through donations.

"It's not just Rutland's angel it will be the first one in New England," Merola says. "Everyone has a story about what this angel means. That's what gives us the motivation and desire to get this done."

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COURT RESURFACING
FIFTY DOZEN SOFTBALLS
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Sealed bids are requested for the procurement and sale of the items listed above. Bids will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Bid documents may be obtained from:

Purchasing Department
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Rutland, Vermont 05702

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DISHWASHER**

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VIBES! perform 3/22
Feb. 24 in Rutland

The members of VIBES! will premier their latest performance at the Dana Recreation Center in Rutland on Feb. 24.

This will be the poetry and percussion ensemble's sixth show mixing original poems and rhythms.

The performance includes about 50 instruments and many voices, including the audience's.

The featured poets are Megacera Fitch, Burnham Holmes, Emma Gluckman and Jon Mathewson. The drummers are Gary Meitrott, Paul Colletti and Nance Dean, who also play with the percussion band Omphalos.

The audience is encouraged to bring their own percussive instruments, hands and feet included. There will be a time for an open microphone.

For more information, call Gary Meitrott at 235-2400. The program is free and open to the public, but donations are welcome.

Bring coffee, tea, chai or munchies and enjoy this unique and groundbreaking event.

The performance will be held at the Dana Recreation Center on East Street, starting at 7 p.m.

Today 3/28

THINGS TO DO

Potpourri of Dances
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ORGANIZATIONS

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Rutland rec

Registration for Rutland Recreation Department Youth Leagues in baseball, soccer and softball closes April 5 at 5 p.m. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

ASA umpires

There will be clinics the next three Sundays for ASA umpires and those wishing to become umpire. The clinics will be held April 1, 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dana Recreation Center. Umpires must attend one clinic to become certified. There is a shortage of umpire so anyone interested in becoming an official is encouraged to attend. For more information or question call Steve Dumas at 775-3627.

Ballroom Dance 3/19
Rutland, Godnick Center, refreshments, 7 to 11 p.m., lesson by Maryanne Liguori between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$8, \$5 for members of Rutland Dance Club.

Duplicate Bridge 3/20
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Chess/Checkers 3/21
Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge 3/20
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ORGANIZATIONS
Duplicate Bridge 3/29
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Softball a big slice of life for Baxter

By TOM HALEY
Herald Staff

Rutland's Lori Baxter calls softball her favorite sport. It's a good thing. It consumes her spring and summer, swallowing the warm months up like an oversized first baseman's mitt on a throw in the dirt.

Baxter is heading into her third season as the commissioner of the Rutland Adult Softball League. She figures once games begin May 7, she will spend 25-30 hours a week tending to the league's needs.

But the job begins well before that. She has already had a meeting with Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Leif Dahlin to discuss the league.

After team rosters are submitted in late March, Baxter will be having her nose hard to her com-

puter for about three hours a night as well as on weekends for two to three weeks. Her task will be constructing a master schedule for a league that last year was comprised of over 60 teams broken into three men's divisions, two women's divisions and one co-ed division.

"I've tried to find a computer program for the schedule but I haven't been able to find one because we use so many fields," she said.

This is not Baxter's full-time job, but at this point it begins to seem like it. She tries to attend two or three games every weeknight.

The last two years, she would

head home to get the scores of all the games that the umpires left on her answering machine. She then called those scores into the Rutland Herald.

Life will be just a bit easier this season.

Thanks to a cell phone, she won't have to go home to do this part of the job.

The job can be even more time consuming when Mother Nature deals her a bad hand the way she did last year. Then it's like making the schedule all over again, matching teams, field and times in a way that will never please everyone.

"Sunday is family time and some of the teams play in tournaments on Sunday, so we try not

to use that day. But last year we had to play some on Sundays," Baxter said. "We had 83 games rained out. Most of them got played. I want to say about 65 of those games got made up."

It's a lot of time, but Baxter loves most of it. The part she doesn't like, nobody could. That's the time spent dealing with discipline problems.

"Fighting and stuff like that can't be tolerated. We've had players ejected for life," she said. "Most of the players are very good."

Her predecessor, Angelo Manieri, did the job for 14 years. Don't be surprised if Baxter does a similar stint.

"I don't see me giving it up. I love softball," Baxter said. She does not play in the league, though.



Lori Baxter

"I think that would be a conflict of interest," she said.

Instead, she plays on a tournament team on weekends.

Yes, spring and summer are one big softball game for Lori Baxter.

Part of Route 3 may be renamed

By GORDON DRITSCHLO
Herald Staff

Part of Route 3 may be getting a new name.

A bill introduced in the Legislature last month would rename the road "The Crowley Brothers Memorial Highway." The bill was launched by Rep. Kevin Mullin, R-Rutland Town, at the behest of some Route 3 residents.

"We wanted to do a permanent dedication for the Crowley family," said David Dickinson, who owns a farm on Route 3 in

Rutland Town.

The road is host each year to the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race, a 6.2-mile race from Proctor to Rutland named for the same group of brothers.

The brothers in question are Frank, Lawrence and Joseph Crowley, all of whom were prominent members of the community.

Frank Crowley, the eldest of the three, is remembered locally as a high school track star who

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went on to compete in the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles. He later served in the Michigan Legislature and held other government positions in that state.

Frank Crowley died of cancer in 1980. A park is named after him in Clarkson, Mich.

Lawrence Crowley, the middle brother, was a Rutland City police officer. He died in 1981.

Joseph Crowley, the youngest brother, was known for singing the praises of his hometown wherever he went. He was referred to as "Mr. Rutland." He died in 1993.

"I knew Joe," Dickinson said. "Anybody that knew about athletes in Rutland was a friend of his. He was quite a guy."

Merle Crowley, Joseph Crowley's widow, said she was not aware of the bill, but she was sure Frank, Larry and Joe would approve.

"Joe used to go to the races there, he'd be at the start and at the finish," she said.

The race began in the 1920s with a challenge between Frank Crowley and another long-distance runner of the era, Clarence De Mar. Crowley outran De Mar from Proctor to Rutland, and races have been held along their route almost yearly since.

The proposal would rename the portion of Route 3 used for the race.

"We're thinking we'd put a sign up in Center Rutland where (Routes) 3 and 4 meet, and have

it go to Ormsbee Avenue in Proctor," Dickinson said. "Nobody's address would change."

Mullin could not be reached for comment. One of the co-sponsors of the bill, Rep. Joseph Baker, R-West Rutland, said the bill, which is in the House Transportation Committee, may not have to go through the Legislature for the name change to occur.

"Names of roads are handled by the Department of Libraries," he said. "Ultimately, I think we're going to go through them."

Baker said the department would want a petition signed by residents of the road.

"Kevin Mullin is sending us a petition," Dickinson said. "We'll get it signed."

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Friday, April 13

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Thursday, April 26

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Sanders will meet with local seniors

Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., will hold a seniors' town meeting at the Godnick Senior Center at 1 Deer St. on April 20 at 2 p.m.

Sanders will be joined by Max Ritchenman of the National Commission to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. Among other things, they will discuss efforts to reduce the price of prescription drugs for seniors, as well as efforts to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

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The spirit of

Rhythm



Gary Meitrott
finds the soul
of humanity
in percussion

Story and Photos



has been known to answer the phone at his hilltop Middletown Springs home by saying: "I'm on fire. I hope you can handle me."

Anyone who has been to a concert by Omphalos, the seven-member drums and percussion ensemble that he founded and leads, would find that remark completely in character. Certainly it's in synch with the concerts, which fill their performance spaces with heart-pounding rhythms that usually get a sizable part of the audience up and dancing.

Glistering with sweat, grinning with delight, dancing around the drums himself, Meitrott turns into a Pied Piper of pulsation. There is a drummer's high, just like there is a runner's high, he says, and seeing him and the rest of Omphalos reach it, others are drawn to cast aside their inhibitions and join in the fun.

But there's more to Omphalos than

partying hearty. "A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom," Robert Frost once wrote, and something like that is true for the immersions in cross-cultural rhythms that the group's performances make possible.

Meitrott is a man on a mission, or perhaps several missions, which involve Omphalos, his Drum Journeys of Earth classes, the poetry-and-drumming performance group Vibes, and a samba band that has recently formed and is working toward going public.

Along the way, he researches the musical traditions of other cultures, goes to festivals and workshops, composes highly orchestrated percussion pieces, and is a dedicated gardener and father to two children. And he does theater work, a passion that has often involved Poultney High School, leading to a chance to teach drama there this fall on a part-time basis.

"I have to keep juggling all these balls and keep them in the air," he said during a recent interview. But driving him on is the conviction that rhythm — the most neglected element in Western music, according to a recent New York Times article he has posted on one wall of the Omphalos drum hut — can bring people back to the kind of energy, sensuousness and intensity that is the true heritage of being human.

"It has a lot to do with awakening life energy, chi, prana, and helping it to flow," he said. "I think it's no accident that native peoples have been doing (intense, prolonged drumming and dancing) forever."

"I'm not that much different from any other 20th century Westerners, I need a lot of stimulation for that energy to kindle and be strong," Meitrott said.

Kundalini is another word for the kind of energy that drumming can raise, Meitroff said — an Indian word for the life force that moves upward through the head from the base of the spine. They pronounce the group's name "OAM-fahl-ose" partly because in the spiritual teachings of India "Om" was the basic sound-vibration of the universe, from which all the other vibrations emanated.

That energy is sensual and sometimes sexual, Meitrott said — something American culture backhandedly acknowledged in the furor over Elvis Presley defying Fifties mores by moving his pelvis as he sang and danced. "We're designed for joy and movement," he said. "But we have a lifestyle that suppresses it. We don't remember it."

Sometimes the ancestral re-awakening can come suddenly and with lasting effect. Omphalos member Michael Beattie said he was inspired to join the group after seeing Meitrott and others one night at the Farm and Wilderness Camps in Plymouth.

Beattie said he followed the sound of the drums along a road where he could look down at a bonfire in a field and people dancing around it. As the circle turned, shafts of light and dark — light from the fire, dark from the dancers' shadows — moved like spokes of a wheel around the central blaze. Ancient feelings surged back to life. "I was hooked," Beattie said.

Omphalos currently has seven members, who meet regularly at Meitrott's to rehearse and take voice lessons with Rutland singer and vocal coach Lucy Tenenbaum. In addition to Meitrott and Beattie, the performers include fellow Rutland County residents Margery Andersen, Lynne Barton, Paul Coletti, Nance Dean and Marilyn Trapani.

Meitroff moved to Middletown Springs seven years ago. Born in upper New York state, he had fallen in love with theater after taking part in a high school musical, had gotten a bachelor's degree in the fine arts from Ithaca College, then had gone to the Big Apple to pursue the

dream of Broadway success.

He did make it to Broadway, briefly, in "Oh, Calcutta!" whose onstage nudity (including his) created a public sensation — in the 1960s.

"By the time I was doing it (in the late 1970s) it was a period piece," he said. "You could see it on television."

A divorce brought Meitrott to reevaluate his life and what he wanted to do, and led him to conclude there was another passion that meant more to him than onstage success.

He had taken a workshop on African drumming with Michael Meade, later supplemented by workshops with master drummers Babatunde Olatunji (whose Fifties recording "Drums of Passion" was a milestone for American percussion), Yaya Diallo and John Amira. He then realized there was a whole world of rhythms beyond the "one and two and three and four and" 4/4 rhythm of most rock and roll and pop music.

"Boxy" and "regimented," Meitrott now calls that predictable kind of rhythm, after learning more about African, Haitian, Cuban, Native American, Brazilian, subcontinent Indian, Australian and other traditions. There is nothing wrong with 4/4 time, he said, but music shouldn't stop there.

Along with immersion in those other rhythms came knowledge of the spiritual dimensions they help to access and express. Though rhythm is as universal as spending six to nine months listening to a mother's heartbeat ("Omphalos" comes from the Greek and refers to the umbilical connection between mother and child), each culture has its own rhythm, Meitroff said. Exploring and expressing and transmitting the rhythmic wisdom of those cultures has become another part of the group's mission.

"The indigenous rhythms carry us down to the deep roots of our ancestors," said the program for a recent drum gathering in Chittenden. The program included the following, which were not so much set "pieces" as extended hypnotic sessions, or rituals of summoning:

◆ "Fanga," from Liberia: "Welcome! And peace be yours!"

◆ "Baille a la Luze de la Luna" from Trinidad: "Dance by the light of the moon."



Donald Buck-Pratt, Otis Munroe and Freddie Neufeld (from left) get into the rhythm at a recent Omphalos performance.

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By DONNA MOXLEY
Southern Vermont Bureau

LUDLOW — The Select Board has appointed Howard Paul Jr. to serve as the town's new recreation director.

Paul had been the buildings and grounds foreman before former Recreation Director Gunther Sihler left, and in that post had done some work with the recreation department. He has been serving as interim director since November.

He said last week it will be a relief to do just one job. "Every-thing was being done, but there were things that weren't being done as well as they could have been," Paul said. "There were a few days when I had to cancel programs to plow."

Paul said he was the town's recreation director before he moved to Maryland 10 years ago. "That's where my interests really lie," he said. Paul said he plans on hosting professional soccer camps this summer, with the Massachusetts-based group of European soccer coaches called Play Soccer.

He said there are also new recreation programs in town for seniors. One, called "Wednesday walks," invites seniors for a walk at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The walks will start off easy and get more strenuous throughout the summer, Paul said. On Monday afternoons seniors can play cards at Black River Senior Center. On Thursday mornings, they can meet for the "coffee club," and for 50 cents get "all the coffee and gossip they can take."

Paul was the choice of an interview committee that included Town Manager Keith Arlund, Select Board member Jean Morrill, and recreation committee members Jerry Tucker, Marcia Dockum, Sue Pollender, and Roger Scully.

He was one of five candidates considered and was hired at a \$26,000 annual salary.

The search for a new recreation director became necessary when Sihler tendered his resignation on Nov. 1.

Sihler left alleging harassment by Arlund and has since filed a wrongful termination suit against the town.

Sihler, who lives in Killington, just got a new job as the program director with the Rutland Recreation Department.

In Ludlow, Lisa Goings has been temporarily hired to take over the buildings and grounds work Paul used to be responsible for.

At A Glance:

◆ Interim director appointed to replace man who left making accusations of harassment against the town manager.

◆ New director has plans to host professional soccer clinic this summer.

Aerobics courses offered in Rutland

The Rutland Recreation Department offers many ongoing aerobics programs.

Time slots vary from evenings Monday through Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m., mornings on Monday's

Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., and a new program Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

These programs have already begun, but fees can be pro-rated. The department also features a drop-in ticket offering 10 classes of your choice and a one-time offer of a pass for you to attend a class free.

The department's instructors come from a wide variety of backgrounds with techniques that will suit your needs. They include Sue Classen, Mary Lou Thompson, Jerilyn Valente, Mary Ellen Conlon, Bill Kelley and Marie Parker.

For further information, contact the recreation office at 773-1822 or 773-1823, or stop by the office at 39 East Center St. in Rutland. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rutland rec

Announcements from the Rutland Recreation Department:

Schedules for men's and women's adult softball are now available at the office at 39 East Center Street. Games are scheduled to begin the week of May 7;

Registrations are ongoing for Tee Ball and Mitey Mites, with the fee \$15 through April 25 at \$25 thereafter. Non-residents add \$7. Children must be in kindergarten now or be 6 before Aug. 1 for Tee Ball, and be in first or second grade now, or turn 7 before Aug. 1 for Mitey Mites.

Rutland rec

There are still openings for the Rutland City Girls Softball teams in the Major and Senior Divisions.

For Major League Softball, a participant must 12, 13 or 14 before Aug. 1 or be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grades. Rutland resident fees through May 9 are \$25 and \$35 afterwards. Non-residents should add \$7.

For Senior League Softball, a participant must turn 14-17 before Aug. 1. Fees for Rutland residents through May 16 are \$30 and \$40 thereafter. Non-residents add \$7. Registration is ongoing at Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

City of Rutland Recreation and Parks Department Park Maintenance, Camp Counselors, Lifeguards & WSI Position Openings

The Rutland Recreation and Parks Dept. is accepting applications for various summer positions. Work will begin in April/May for maintenance positions. Counselor and pool positions will commence in June. Qualified applicants can pick up an application at the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, 39 East Center St., Rutland, VT Ph#773-1822

Nothing but net



Natalie Marchese, 13, and her sister Nicole, 14, are silhouetted by the spring sunshine while playing basketball with friends at the Meadow Street Park in Rutland recently.

Giorgetti alarm is set off by birds

Some birds who had made a home in the Giorgetti Park ice skating rink in Rutland City caused a bit of a stir on Thursday afternoon.

Apparently the birds tripped a motion sensor on a burglar alarm set up inside the rink at about noon.

City police were called to investigate the source of the alarm and noticed the birds flying around the rink, which was only partially enclosed.

The city's Recreation Department was notified and fixed the problem.

Soccer meeting

The Southern Vermont men's and women's soccer league will hold its annual meeting May 2 at the Dana Recreation Center in Rutland at 7 p.m. All team captains must attend. The schedule, dues, rules, regulations and tournament procedures will be discussed.

Please contact Gunther Sihler at 746-8532 or 773-1822 to confirm your attendance.

New community services czar hired

BY JOHN HALE

AUGUSTA — Leif Dahlin is the new community services director in Augusta.

The Augusta City Council officially hired Dahlin on Monday night. For the past seven years, he has been superintendent of parks and recreation in Rutland, Vt., a city about the same size as Augusta. For the eight years before that, Dahlin was director of parks and recreation in Middlebury, Vt.

Dahlin, 48, is the father of two teen-age sons. He said he's already bought a home in Augusta. His starting salary will be \$58,000, and he will begin work on April 30.

Dahlin succeeds Jeffrey Zimmer-

man as director of community services, a position with many responsibilities in city government. Zimmer-



Leif Dahlin

man resigned effective Dec. 31, later saying that the workload in the job was too heavy. The position has been vacant since then.

Since Zimmer-

man's resignation, City Manager William Bridgeo and the City Council have restructured the community services job, giving responsibility for

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building maintenance to a yet-to-be-hired director of facilities and maintenance systems.

As currently structured, the Department of Community Services includes the Conservation Commission; Lithgow Library; Old Fort Western; Health and Welfare; Recreation and Child Care; Parks and Cemeteries; Trees and Landscape; local access Cable TV Channel 7; Augusta Tree Board; Cable TV Committee; and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Dahlin, whose parents were born in Maine, grew up in Westmoreland, N.Y. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in parks and recreation administration from the University of Oregon at Eugene.

"He is a very strong people person with strong experience in administering the types of programs that comprise our community services department," said

Bridgeo. "He has had some good success in finding alternatives to the property tax to fund parks and recreation programs."

"I think he's going to bring a high level of energy and enthusiasm to the work," said Bridgeo.

Dahlin said he loves to go bicycle riding, and to fish, hunt, camp and hike, "anything to do with the outdoors."

Dahlin said he feels well-suited to make the move from Vermont to Maine.

"It's just short of going home," he said. "I feel very comfortable in Maine. Augusta is the right size for me. I do not aspire to work in a huge metropolitan area."

In coming weeks, Dahlin said, "I will strive to get a better understanding of all the issues and how I will fit into it. I see some exciting things within that department. It is a quality-of-life department." ■

WalkAmerica set at Giorgetti Park

More than 100 people are expected to participate in WalkAmerica on Sunday, April 29, starting at Giorgetti Park in Rutland.

They will walk with company teams or as individuals, raising about \$25,000 for March of Dimes programs to help premature babies.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the park, with WalkAmerica starting at 10 a.m.

Shoot clays in Tinmouth

TINMOUTH — Join the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department in Tinmouth to learn about and get involved with America's fastest growing shooting sport — one that simulates flight patterns of game birds in their natural setting.

This is an introductory shooting program for youths, 13-18 years of age. No prior experience is needed.

All necessary equipment will be provided, including shotgun, hearing protection, shells and targets. Participants will learn proper use and safe gun handling, and the finer points of shooting clays.

There are two Saturday sessions, May 12 and June 9. The cost is \$35 per session. Sign up is at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Morning aerobics classes in Rutland

Registration for the Rutland Recreation Department's morning aerobics program is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St., Rutland.

The program will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 16 weeks (48 classes) from May 7 through Aug. 31. No classes will be held on May 28, July 3 and July 4. Class time is from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

The morning aerobics instructors are Sue Classen, Mary Ellen Conlon and Marie Parker.

The Rutland resident fee is \$96 and non-resident fee is \$104. A one-time free pass is available for you to experience the program

Rutland rec

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Dept. has opened Meadow North and South, Max Fineberg and J.F. Carbine fields for practice. Permits are given at the recreation office at 39 East Center St. and must be made in person. Limit one practice per team per week.

Pick-up volleyball games will be held at Msgr. Connor Park from 6 p.m. to dusk from mid-May through mid-September on Tuesday nights, weather permitting.

A women's fly-fishing clinic will be offered at the Great Outdoors by Sarah Wilson on Wednesdays, May 23, 30 and June 6 from 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. for ages 13 and older. The resident fee through May 18 is \$60 and \$70 thereafter. Non-Residents should add \$8. Registration is ongoing at the recreation center.

Investing course offered in Rutland

The Rutland Recreation Department, in conjunction with Lon Smith of Edward Jones Investments, will offer a six-week course for individual investors who are interested in learning more about investing.

The instructor will teach students why it is important to set financial goals, as well as how to establish realistic investment objectives.

The class will provide an in-depth look at many different types of investments available to and suitable for individual investors who are working or retired.

The class limit is 25. Pre-registration is required by calling 773-5992. The fee is \$20 for materials.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays for six consecutive weeks, from May 2 through June 6, at the Dana Recreation Center, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 22.

Cleaning up after a dog

In April around 9:30 a.m. I was on the north end of the city, and was disgusted. This woman was letting her large dog do his duty on a lawn.

The dog was leashed. I stopped at the light waiting to go south, watching. The woman never cleaned up after her dog, but continued going her way.

I have also noticed others doing the same on Main Street and the City Park. How would these people like to have it done on their property?

We have it here where I live. We're not allowed pets but neighbors and visitors bring them here. I love pets. When I had them we cleaned up after them and it would be nice if people do the same when out walking their pets.

SANDRA J. GALARNEAU
Rutland

Recreation plans are hotly debated in Rutland Town

By ALETHEA RENZI
Herald Staff

Sparks flew at a meeting about recreation in Rutland Town.

The joint meeting of the town's Recreation Committee and the Select Board was held last week for both groups to talk about communications between them, recreation programs in town and construction projects at Northwood Park.

The five-person Select Board and all but one member of the seven-member Recreation Com-

mittee were present for the meeting, which the committee had requested in February.

Select Board Chairman Stanley Rhodes said the committee had failed to provide the board with a list of programs, enrollments and needed volunteers.

"We've got to know what we have and how we can maintain it," Rhodes said.

Selectman William Matteson said

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Recreation: Future debated in town

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he'd like to see a more formal structure in the committee.

Rhodes cited a committee meeting where only three members were present and minutes were taken. He said at least four members must be present for the meeting to be official, and that meetings must be publicly warned.

Recreation Committee Chairman Donald Theriault said there was a notice in the Town Hall listing the meeting schedule. But town administrative assistant Joseph Zingale said each meeting must be warned independently.

Also discussed was whether Rutland Town and Rutland City could merge their recreation efforts. Part of that union could include sharing a part-time program director with the city.

The city is looking for a program director to fill the void left by the promotion of Eljay Bishop, who will be interim recreation superintendent when Leif Dahlin departs on April 25.

Richard DelBianco Jr., a member of the town Recreation Committee, said he'd met with Dahlin

on the topic of sharing a position and merging city-town programs.

Part of that deal would have both municipalities paying \$20,000 for salary and benefits. DelBianco said city attorney Christopher Sullivan was looking into the legality of such an arrangement.

Matteson questioned whether the town should pay half when the city has more programs to run, and the town has a lack of programming in the winter.

Theriault said the city is also looking into building a regional recreation center, like the one in Springfield, that surrounding towns could use.

The town board and commission also discussed projects at Northwood Park.

The Army Reserves are helping the town repair erosion damage at the park that occurred in a December flood.

Recreation Committee member Ernest Cioffi said the group is making plans for a building at the park for bathrooms and a concession stand.

Cioffi said the committee wants to get the foundation dug, the plumbing set up and to put down

forms for cement this summer.

Rhodes said he would rather see the soccer field brought up to par before a new building is started.

DelBianco said the committee was setting aside \$3,000 for the field and \$7,000 for the building this season.

Toward the end of the meeting on April 17, Cioffi said he didn't feel the Select Board supported the committee.

He said when complaints are brought to the Select Board about recreation programs, the board often makes decisions without informing the committee.

The meeting ended abruptly after Selectman Richard DelBianco Sr., father of the Recreation Committee member, said the recreation group had some good news.

Theriault said the committee wasn't ready to discuss that news. In a heated discussion, Matteson pressed for more information, but Theriault and committee member Larry DellVeneri said it was only in the planning stages and they were still gathering information.

In the midst of the discussion the board adjourned the meeting.

Monday, April 30

Ballroom Dance Lessons
Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center every Monday, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, preregistration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Line Dancing
Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, preregistration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Children's Play Group
Rutland, Children's playgroup for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Rec Department's summer brochure

The Rutland Recreation Department now has its summer brochure at its office at 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brochures have been sent to city schools for distribution.

Programs for students include: swimming and diving lessons, day camp programs, creative playground and safety city for preschoolers, junior and senior league baseball, and camps for baseball, boys and girls basketball, girls soccer, pre-season soccer, lacrosse, tennis and track.

Zero Gravity Skate Park will open May 5 with after-school hours from 3 to 9 p.m. Their summer camps include Xtreme Adventure, In-Line Aggressive, Learning to In-Line, Roller Hockey, Mountain Bike and Skateboard Extreme.

Registration for the camps is held at the Dana Recreation Center. Programs open to adults and families include family reading camp, pick-up volleyball at Monsignor Connor Park, swimming times at White pool, women's summer basketball league, women's fly fishing clinic and basics of investing.

City recreation chief praised

The Rutland Garden Club will sorely miss Leif Dahlin, Recreation and Parks superintendent. Over the years he has shared our keen interest in beautifying Rutland's green spaces and making our city parks source of pride to all. His wisdom, counsel, encouragement, and enthusiasm has been key to the success of our projects.

The Depot Park landscaping project last summer never would have happened without Leif's personal involvement. He shared our vision, got us the funds required, and his Recreation and Parks team worked shoulder to shoulder with us to make it happen.

Leif, thank you for setting such a high standard of cooperation and responsiveness. We will miss you and wish you only the best in your new position.

BRENDA F. ISAACS
(Garden Club Civic Beautification Chairman)
Mendon

Friday

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
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Rutland rec

There are still openings for the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department's girls softball programs in both divisions. Play is for girls turning 12 to 17 years of age before Aug. 1 and/or girls presently in grades 6 through 12. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. Practices begin June. For further information contact Gunther Sihler at 773-1822, extension 13.

Play Chess/Checkers
Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Bicycle Safety Day
Rutland, Kiwanis Club sponsors Annual Bicycle Safety Day, inspections, service, registration, safety course, prizes, free helmets to 100 children, refreshments, Godnick Adult Center, 773-0300.



Staff members of the Rutland City Recreation and Parks Department gathered with other well-wishers at the Sirolo Saloon in Rutland to give their leader Leif Dahlin a royal send-off to his new position as Community Services Director for the City of Augusta, Maine. A recent headline in the *Capital Weekly* a newspaper published in Augusta reads "New Community Services Czar Hired"...quite a step up from Superintendent of Recreation and Parks to "Czar." Shown are (standing from left to right) Eljay Bishop who has been appointed to replace Dahlin as Superintendent, Lou Illinski, Jeff Pratt, Bob Peterson, Dahlin, Betty Mumford, Bill Reardon; (seated) Lori Hickey, Jean Mattsson and Ed Griffith.

Sam's Good News photo by Rosemary Finley

Baseball leagues: It's time to register

The Rutland City Recreation Department would like to remind parents and participants that the Junior and Senior League Baseball Programs, which usually are advertised in the spring brochure, will be in the summer brochure.

Registration forms are available at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St., Rutland.

Resident fee is \$35 through May 21 and \$45 thereafter. Non-

residents pay an additional \$7. This program is for students in grades 7-12. All teams will be part of the Rutland County Youth Baseball League which consists of teams from Rutland City and surrounding communities.

Games will be held mostly weekdays at 5:45 or 6 p.m. beginning around the second week of June and ending the first week of August.

There may be some Saturday games. Teams will be formed the week of June 2.

If you have any questions, call Eljay Bishop at 773-1822 or 773-1823, ext. 14.

Ballroom Dancing
Rutland, Ballroom dancing to DJ, light refreshments, Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 to 11 p.m., 773-6971 or 273-2304.

Line Dancing
Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, preregistration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

City Rec Department makes change at the top

Mayor appoints Bishop as Dahlin's replacement.

By BRENT CURTIS
Herald Staff

Rutland City Mayor John Cassarino on Monday named his choice for the top job at the Rutland Recreation Department.

Cassarino appointed Ejay Bishop as interim recreation superintendent and also recommended that the city's Board of Aldermen appoint him permanently to the post at its next meeting on April 7.

Standing next to Bishop and current Recreation Superintendent Leif Dahlin, who is leaving the position on April 25, Cassarino told the board Monday that Bishop was a Rutland native who came highly recommended.

"I have no doubt whatsoever that Leif has told me the truth," Cassarino said, referring to Dahlin's endorsement of Bishop. "He's Rutland-born and raised. He's worked here all his life and I'm glad to give him the opportunity to show us what he can do."

Bishop, 41, has worked six years as program director at the department, scheduling and overseeing the hundreds of youth



Leif Dahlin (left), who is leaving as Rutland City's recreation superintendent this month, will be succeeded at least on an interim basis by Ejay Bishop (right).

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Dahlin proud of work, ready for new challenge

By BRENT CURTIS
Herald Staff

Leif Dahlin doesn't have any windows in his office at the Dana Recreation Center. But the Rutland City recreation superintendent has made his own view out of photographs and odd bits of memorabilia.

In one corner of his office collage sits a blue Hopalong Cassidy lunchbox that the 48-year-old Dahlin swears is older than he.

It carried his lunch in grade school, followed him through college and has been a feature at recreation jobs he's taken in Massachusetts, Oregon and Rutland.

Soon, Hopalong will hit the trail once again — this time heading for Augusta, Maine, where Dahlin has accepted a new job as director of community services.

"My spirit is telling me it's the right thing to do," he said Monday. "I'm 48. Once I get much older I won't be very marketable. Things have been good here, but I need to expand my horizons."

The head of the department said he was proud of the work he has done in the

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and adult sports teams in the city. He said earlier Monday that Dahlin had already taught him much about his new job.

"Leif and I worked closely together since the start," he said. "He's included me in a lot of the process. The work that he began, I want to continue."

He said maintaining the integrity of the department's programs would be his first order of

business.

Dahlin had been working on several initiatives, including construction of a new recreation center and the purchase of 150 acres of wooded land that includes Rocky and Muddy Ponds.

However, Bishop said he would take his time learning to work with the 12 full-time members of the department before exploring new things.

"I know Leif had some irons in the fire, but I want to make sure

we have a seamless transition before I move forward," he said. "There's going to be a learning curve while I get caught up. I want to make sure the needs of the programs are met first."

Dahlin said he had faith in Bishop. "It's all part of the learning curve," he said. "But I have no question that he has the knowledge, the skills and the ability to make things work and to carry on and complete the projects I've started here."

Dahlin: Leaving for job in Maine

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last seven years.

During that time, he said, he's tried to improve the city's youth and adult sports programs in the face of rapidly rising costs.

"There's not many programs we haven't tweaked with the goal of meeting the needs of today's family," he said. "We didn't get it all right, but we did alright."

Dahlin also oversaw the creation of the Zero Gravity Skateboard Park and secured \$25,000 for improvements at Monsignor Connor Park.

He will leave unfinished a plan to buy 150 acres of woodland that

includes Rocky and Muddy Ponds from the Rutland Country Club. Dahlin also hoped to engender regional cooperation to build a regional recreation center.

While he won't complete those tasks, he said he's confident that Ejay Bishop — his nominated successor — will get the job done.

One of Bishop's first challenges could be securing more funds in the department's budget, according to his mentor.

Dahlin, who has headed the department for seven years, said he has managed to stretch his budget for the last six years. During that time, fixed costs, such as electricity and fuel, have risen

nearly \$180,000 while his budget has grown only \$8,000.

"We've done the proverbial more with less," Dahlin said Monday afternoon. "Now, we're in a corner and we need some help."

Among other things, he said, the department needs another full-time staff person.

Getting the money could be a challenge, Dahlin said, but he had faith in Bishop.

"While I'm concerned, I have all the confidence in the world that Ejay, the mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the staff of this department are behind the initiatives I started," he said. "I'm leaving those goals in good hands."

Aldermen to vote on tax ordinance

The Rutland City Board of Aldermen will consider a draft ordinance for a 1 percent rooms, meals and entertainment tax at its regular meeting today.

The tax was moved to the board by a unanimous vote of the five-member Charter and Ordinance Committee, which worked on the draft ordinance for nearly a month.

The city charter requires a unanimous vote of the board in order for it to pass the ordinance on Monday. If the vote is not unanimous, the measure could be voted on again at the board's next meeting and pass with a majority vote.

Most board members have indicated they would vote for the tax, which was approved by voters in a non-binding vote on Town Meeting Day.

The board will consider the appointment of Ejay Bishop as recreation director. Bishop has served as interim director for the Recreation Department since former director Leif Dahlin left last month.

Potpourri of Dances

Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach variety of dances at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Play Group
Rutland, Children's play group for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Trips to Foster's and Vienna Choir

The Godnick Adult Center is now registering participants for the following trips:

♦ To Foster's in York, Maine, for a lobster bake on Wednesday, July 18.

The trip includes transportation; lunch at Foster's Downeast Clambake and time for shopping at the Kittery factory outlets. You have a choice of either lobster or quartered barbecue chicken. Also served are steamer clams and cultivated mussels.

The fee of \$55 is due at time of registration. The bus will leave from Giorgetti Park at 8 a.m. and

return at about 8 p.m.

♦ To the Vienna Boys' Choir at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Mass., on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

For nearly five centuries, the Vienna Boys' Choir have entertained millions with their beautiful singing.

Each season a new choir of boys carries on the rich traditions of Vienna's musical life, tracing their roots to such figures as Mozart, Haydn and Schubert. In concert, they present programs that feature short operettas (in costume), sacred works and a broad range of secular folk music.

The fee of \$80 includes a holiday meal at the Marriott, a visit to Bright Nights Holiday Light Display and the concert.

A \$10 deposit is due at the time of registration, which begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 14, for residents, and Tuesday, May 15, for non-residents.

The balance is due Oct. 5, 2001. The bus will leave the Godnick Center on Dec. 5 at 8:15 a.m., and return at about 9:15 p.m.

For more information call the center at 773-1853.

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Rutland Recreation Programs



Adult Softball Schedules Available

Schedules for the Rutland Recreation Department Men's and Women's Adult Softball Leagues are now ready to be picked up at the Recreation Office located at 39 East Center St., Rutland. Games begin the week of May 7, *weather permitting!*

Girls' Softball Leagues

The Rutland City Girls' Softball teams are part of the Rutland county Girls' Softball Association. There are still openings in the Major and Senior Divisions. Games are played on weekday evenings with Saturdays used as needed. Once teams have been organized through a draft process, coaches will notify players about practices and game schedules. Home games are at Northeast Field. Registration is on going at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland, VT.

Girls' Major League Softball practices will begin in May with games starting in June. A participant must turn 12, 13 or 14 before 8/1/01 or be in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade now. Rutland resident fees through May 9 are \$25 and thereafter \$35. Non-residents add \$7 to the fees.

Girls' Senior League Softball practices and games will begin in June. Participants must turn 14 - 17 before 8/1/01 or must be in the 9th through 12th grade now. The resident fee through May 16 is \$30 and \$40 thereafter. Non-residents add \$7.00 to the fee.

Pick-Up Volleyball: The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department will host pick-up Volleyball games at Msgr. Connor Park from 6:00 p.m. to dusk on Tuesdays, weather permitting, from mid May to mid September. This is a fun program for adults who want to exercise and keep those skills sharp.

Women's Fly Fishing Clinic: A Women's Fly Fishing Clinic will be offered at the Great Outdoors by Sara Wilson on Wednesdays May 23, 30 and June 6 from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. for ages 13 and up. This introductory program will expose you to the sport and art of fly-fishing. Through classroom



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Rutland City and surrounding communities. Games will be held mostly weeknights at 5:45 or 6:00 p.m. beginning approximately the second week of June and ending

instruction the first two evenings you will learn fly-fishing history, tactics, equipment, know tying, casing and reading water. The third evening will be spent on water practicing and applying what you have learned. Some equipment is available. Rutland resident fee through May 18 is \$60.00, thereafter \$70.00. Non-residents add \$8.00 to fees. Registration is on going at the Recreation Office located at 30 East Center Street.

Junior and Senior League Baseball Programs: Registration forms are available at the Dana Recreation Center, 30 East Center Street in Rutland. Resident fee is \$35 through May 21 and \$45 thereafter. Non-residents pay an additional \$7.00. This program is for students in grades 7 through 12. All teams will be a part of the Rutland County Youth Baseball League, which consists of teams from

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roughly the first week of August. There may be some Saturday games. Teams will be formed the week of June 2. If you have any question regarding any of the Recreation Department's programs, please call 773-1822 or 773-1823, ext 14.

Buy Great Escape tickets at discount

The Rutland Recreation Department has Great Escape tickets at a discounted rate.

5/11
This year they are offering and up at \$20.75, and junior tickets for those under 48 inches at \$15.50.

The Great Escape price at the gate is \$32.99 for a person over 48 inches, and \$16.50 for a person under 48 inches. Children under 2 are free and senior citizens (55 and older) are \$19.99.

When you have a discounted ticket, you don't have to wait in line, just go to either end gate.

If people want to stay a second day at Great Escape, they purchase a second-day ticket for the reduced fee of \$7. You need to save your stub.

The Recreation Department will accept cash only. Tickets are sold weekdays at the Recreation office, located at 39 East Center St., Rutland, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Great Escape opens for the weekend only on May 19, and then is open every day from May 26 through Sept. 3, when it is open weekends only until Oct. 30.

5/13
Rutland City volunteers can meet at the bandstand on Main Street at 9 a.m. to get Green Up bags and assignments. Coordinator George Hooker said if people want to do a specific area to let him know. The Becomings Foundation and Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District are sponsoring a cleanup of the banks of Otter Creek along Dorr Drive. Interested people can meet at the Fern Hill Cottage at 10 a.m. At 1 p.m. there will be an Arbor Day tree planting, a Maypole dance and other events at the cottage.

Let's keep rink open more hours

Regarding the departure of Leif Dahlin as recreation director, I hope whoever inherits the position of recreation director will see fit to operate the Giorgetti skating rink in a more user-friendly manner.

In a winter season that has been very charitable with cold temperatures, I find it inexcusable to be closed during the children's Christmas vacation.

The rink was also closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Why?

Mrs. JOSEPH MERCHAND
Rutland

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

5/11
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Play Group

5/11
Rutland, Children's play group for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Ballroom Dance

5/11
Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Party Bridge

4/21
Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Ninth Bike Rodeo planned Saturday

5/10
The Rutland City Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Rutland Recreation Department, will host the Ninth Annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year the rodeo will be held at Godnick Adult Center, located off Deer Street.

The first 100 registrants will receive a free bike helmet.

All bikes will be repaired and registered. A safety program and obstacle course will be conducted. Hot dogs and sodas are available.

Everything is free. The event will be held rain or shine.



Farmer's Market

5/11
Beginning **Saturday, May 12**, and going through **Nov. 3**, visit the Downtown Farmer's Market in Depot Park in Rutland. The markets are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 468-3112 for more information.

Fishing derby is set for Saturday

5/11
The Rutland City Kiwanis Club and the Rutland Recreation Department will host their Annual Fishing Derby for children up to age 13.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child to Combination Pond on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. A free lunch buffet will be provided by the Kiwanis Club, along with prizes in various categories.

Ballroom Dance Lessons

Wk 5/14
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Potpourri of Dances

nk 5/14
Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach variety of dances at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.
Start Time

Play Chess/Checkers

5/19
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Start Time

Line Dancing

Wk 5/14
Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

A Rutland/Proctor Tradition

Crowley Brothers' Road Race

The 25th running of the Crowley Brothers' Memorial 10K Road Race will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2001, at 8:00 a.m. Registrations for the event will be accepted until June 1st. In the interest of maintaining the quality of the race, no applications will be accepted after that date.

When and how did this tradition start? Let's take a run down memory lane. In 1928 or 1929, depending on which version of the story a listener is inclined to hear, two New England runners, who eventually represented the United States on our Olympic Team, competed in a road race organized by Carvey Kingsley. In those days, it was known as the Proctor Road Race. One runner was from Rutland. His name was Frank Crowley. At that time he was a high school senior and held the Vermont State record in the mile and two-mile runs. By 1932,

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...Crowley Road Race

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he was representing the United States in the long distance events at the summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The other runner was Clarence DeMar. This is the same Clarence DeMar of many Boston Marathon victories fame.

In a very friendly way, both runners were cantankerous, hard-driving athletes. To the delight of the organizers, and as often happens between great athletic competitors, a back and forth banter resulted between the two. Because of this friendly teasing, as the legend goes, these two athletes agreed to race each other from Proctor to Rutland. By some accounts, on the Feast of the Assumption the race started out somewhere on Route 3 in Proctor and finally came to a finish by going over the River Street Bridge and ending at the Mount Saint Joseph Academy Football Field. The effective outcome of all this affectionate heckling was an all out, tenacious, assault on the course. In a surprising upset, Frank Crowley succeeded in commanding an unmatchable speed over the six plus miles. On that day, Clarence DeMar was never able to latch on to the tempo set by the younger, resolute, Frank Crowley.

For many years, the race continued. No one remembers why the race stopped except it seems sponsorship dwindled. However in 1976, with a lot of help from Mike Canty, Bill Reardon, John Claffredi and Joe Crowley, Frank's brother, the race was revitalized. It is because of Joe's unwavering dedication to the race that it is now known as The Crowley Brothers' Memorial 10K Road Race.

Race brochures and registration forms are available at several locations around Rutland including The Gymnasium on Merchants Row, Vermont Sports & Fitness on Curtis Avenue and the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department office on East Center Street. For more info call 773-4913, x 4315.

Rutland Adult Softball
Men's D: American Legion 14, Tyler's Team 5
Men's D: Two Sheas 18, Newton's Rideables 6
Men's D: A Crust Above 9, Salomonics 4
Women's B: Out of Bounds 7, Two Sheas 4

Annual Fishing Derby

Once again, the Rutland Kiwanis Club and Recreation Department will host the Annual Fishing Derby at Combination Pond, a very special day for young children up to age 13. A parent/guardian must accompany the child. Join us at Combination Pond on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. A free "picnic lunch" will be provided by the Kiwanis Club along with prizes in various categories. The early bird catches the worm!!

Remember to bring your fishing tackle, bait, hooks, sinkers, lures, etc. Combination Pond is located in Rutland. From Woodstock Ave., take Stratton Road, then a left on Hill Pond Road and your first right onto Victor Place and next left onto Sharon Drive. Combination pond is on the left. The program will go rain or shine.

The fish are provided yearly courtesy of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Today

THINGS TO DO

Children's Play Group
Rutland, Children's play group for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Chess/Checkers
Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Adult Softball
Women's B: Wayne's 17, Jilly's 11
Women's C: Cass' Pub 4, Zemo's 2
Men's A: 30's 10, Ollies 7

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge
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ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge
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Play Chess/Checkers
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Line Dancing
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Hatha Yoga class offered in summer

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering two sessions of summer Hatha Yoga classes taught by Joan Canfield.

The classes will run on Mondays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

The dates and costs of the classes are as follows:

Summer session one: June 11 through July 16, cost for residents is \$30 and non-residents, \$38.

Summer session two: Aug. 6 through Aug. 27, cost for residents is \$20 and for non-residents the cost is \$28.

Class size is limited.

Yoga brings increased flexibility, strength, and balance to the body. It is an opportunity to develop improved breathing habits and increased concentration. It offers deep relaxation as a way to wellness.

The class is appropriate for persons of any age, fitness level or degree of flexibility.

Exercises and postures are done at the level of the participant and with their range of comfort. The class ends with a period of deep relaxation.

Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St.

Shoot clays in Tinmouth

TINMOUTH — Join the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department in Tinmouth to learn about and get involved with America's fastest growing shooting sport — one that simulates flight patterns of game birds in their natural setting.

This is an introductory shooting program for youths, 13-18 years of age. No experience is necessary.

All equipment will be provided, including shotgun, hearing protection, shells and targets. Participants will learn proper use and safe gun handling, and the finer points of shooting clays.

The next session will be held June 9. The cost is \$35 per session. Sign up at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center St., Rutland.

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance
Rutland, Marie and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Monday, May 28

Ballroom Dance Lessons
Rutland, Marie and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center every Monday, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Wednesday, May 30

Play Group
Rutland, Children's playgroup for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Potpouri of Dances
Rutland, Marie and Mary-Anne Liguori teach variety of dances at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Chess/Checkers
Rutland, Play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7-9 p.m., free, all levels

Play Group
Rutland, Children's play group for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Summer programs for local children

Registration is ongoing for Creative Playground programs at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St. in Rutland.

The program is open to children 3 to 5 years old. They must turn 3 by the start of the program and be fully toilet-trained. Winter pre-school teachers Jane Brown and Joan McIntosh will ensure a revitalized program for your child.

The program will include songs, games, storytelling, arts and crafts and more.

Two sessions will be offered at the Rotary Field House from 9 a.m. to noon.

Session I runs June 18 to 29 and costs \$67 for residents through June 8; thereafter the fee is \$75.

Session II runs July 2 to 13 (no class July 4) and the resident fee is \$60 through June 22; thereafter the fee is \$68.

Non-residents add \$8.

Registration is also ongoing for Day Camp programs. Camp Danamore is open to students going into grades 1 to 3 and Camp Pine Hill for students entering grades 4 to 6.

Regular camp hours are from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but extended hours are offered at a slightly higher fee. Another option is the choice of a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Session I is June 18 to 29, Session II is July 2 to 13, Session III is July 16 to 27 and Session IV is July 30 to Aug. 10.

Transportation for both camps will be available from many locations around the city.

Maps will be available prior to the camps starting.

The Rutland resident camp fee for the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. time slot for a full two-week session is \$70. Non-resident fee is \$78.

Those wishing to attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday only, the resident fee is \$55 and non-resident fee is \$63.

If you do not register by the Wednesday prior to the beginning of the camp, there is an additional \$10 fee.

Little one, big one



Photo by Albert J. Marro

Alex Wetherby, 3, of Rutland holds his first-ever fish during the Combination Pond Fishing Derby Saturday in Rutland.

Amusement tickets taken from rec office

By DAMIAN PAGANO
Herald Staff

About 60 discount amusement park tickets were stolen Thursday afternoon from the Rutland Recreation Department office on East Center Street.

City Recreation Director Ejay Bishop said the tickets,

each good for discounted one-day admission to the Great Escape Amusement Park in Lake George, N.Y., were near a cash register in the office when they were taken.

The tickets were stolen, along with about \$200 in cash,

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after an attendant left the cash register to use the bathroom, Bishop said.

"Somebody walked in unattended for about a minute and just grabbed them," he said.

Bishop said he walked into the area near the cash register while the attendant was away and shortly before the theft was discovered.

He said he saw a person standing near the register and asked if they needed help. But that person said they were already being helped by the attendant.

"I think I have a good idea who took them, but I really can't say for sure. I have my suspicions, but I can't prove it," he said.

Bishop said the recreation department was selling the tickets to help raise money for the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.

He said he reported the theft to the Great Escape business

office and said Friday that the amusement park is on the lookout if anyone tries to use the stolen tickets.

The stolen tickets will not be honored, he said.

He said the tickets could be recognized by their serial numbers. The stolen tickets bear the numbers 1164 through 1200, for adult admission, and 5572 through 5600 for children's tickets.

"We just want to let people know that if they are approached by anyone selling these tickets, they shouldn't buy them," Bishop said. "They'd be throwing their money away."

He said the recreation department does have more tickets available for anyone interested.

"We have plenty," he said.

But in the meantime, he urged that anyone who is asked to buy one of the stolen tickets or has other information about the theft call the Rutland City Police Department at 773-1820.

Aerobics program offered in Rutland

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a continuing aerobics program for the summer.

In the mornings, a Monday-Wednesday-Friday class will be offered from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

In the evening, a Tuesday and Thursday class will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. There is also a Saturday class from 9 to 10 a.m.

Call 773-1822 or visit the Dana Recreation Center for more information.

White Pool will open on Saturday

White Pool is scheduled to open Saturday, June 9, from 1 to 8 p.m. for general swimming.

Sunday hours will be the same.

Starting Monday, June 11, the pool will be open from 3:30 to 8 p.m. until school closes.

Daily admission for residents this year will be \$2 for those 18 and under, and \$3 for adults. Non-resident fees are slightly higher. Summer passes are available at the recreation office.

Resident fee is \$30 for youth, \$40 for adults and \$65 for family. Senior passes for those 60 and older is \$20. Non-resident fees are slightly higher.

The pool is located in Rutland City, off Avenue B.

THINGS TO DO

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Line Dancing

Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39

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Today

THINGS TO DO

Play Group

Rutland, Children's play group for parents and children from birth to age 6, Dana Recreation Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 773-1822.

Potpourri of Dances

Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach variety of dances at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$3, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

City Band ready for 125th season

The Rutland City Band, the oldest municipally supported band in the nation, is preparing for its 125th summer season.

To celebrate this milestone, the band is opening its membership to Rutland County musicians.

Under the direction of James Cassarino, the group performs a large variety of band literature, including marches, concert overtures, show tunes and music that represents Americana.

The group rehearses every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the old Dana School, and performs on Sundays in the Rutland City Park at 7:30 p.m. from June 17 to mid-August.

Although auditions are not required, membership is open to high school and adult musicians who can commit to at least half of the season.

For more information call James Deering, manager, at 773-6971; William Sharp, manager, at 775-4450, or James Cassarino, director, at 747-4929.

Play Group

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Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Ballroom Dance

Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Drop-in Soccer

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering "Drop-In Soccer," at Meadow Street Park, Mondays from July 2 through August 20, 2001 from 5-6 p.m. The program is free but a waiver must be signed by a parent prior to beginning. Waiver forms are available at the park.

The program is open to players who have registered with the Rutland Recreation Spring Soccer 2001 season in U-8-U-14 age groups. Players need to bring cleats, shin guards, fluids and a positive attitude. For more information, please contact David Byrne at the Rec Department at 773-1822, ext. 15.

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Field hockey camp

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering a Girls Field Hockey Camp that will be held at Northeast Field from June 25-29 and run from 9 a.m. - noon. It is under the direction of Beverly Rankin, a former collegiate coach at Queens University in Canada, and Lyndie Johnson, who played at U-Mass.

The camp is offered to girls from fifth to seventh grade and is for beginner to intermediate level. Campers must supply their own sticks, mouthpieces and shin guards and will receive a ball and a "T" shirt.

Fee for Rutland residents through June 13 is \$55 and then after \$65. Non-residents add \$1. Registration is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center on East Center Street.

Registration is on-going for Rutland City's Girls Field Hockey Camp at the Dana Recreation Center, 39 East Center Street. If it offered to students going into grades 5, 6 & 7 and is for the beginner/intermediate player level. It will be held at Northeast School field from June 25-29 at 9 a.m. For more information call 773-1822.

The Rutland Recreation Department is offering "Drop-In Soccer" at Meadow Street Park on Mondays from July 2 through August 20 from 5-6 p.m. The program is free, but a waiver must be signed by a parent prior to playing. It is open to players who have registered with the Spring Soccer 2001 season in the U-8-U-14 age groups. For more information, contact David Byrne at 773-1822, ext. 15.

Circle Dances

Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach variety of dances at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$3, pre-registration not required, welcome, 773-1853.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Down to earth



Van Allen (left) and Dylan Stevens of the Rutland Boys and Girls Club plant flowers in Depot Park recently.

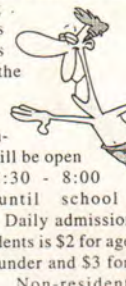
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Whites' Pool Hours

Whites Pool is scheduled to open Saturday, June 9 from 1:00 to 8:00

p.m. for general swimming. Sundays hours will be the same. Starting Monday it will be open from 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. until school closes. Daily admission for residents is \$2 for age 18 and under and \$3 for adults. Non-resident fees are slightly higher.



Summer passes are available at the Recreation Department Office. Resident fee is \$30 for youth, \$40 for adults and \$65 for family. Senior passes for those age 60 and over are \$20. Non-resident fees are slightly higher. The pool is located in Rutland City off of Avenue B.

Monday, June 18

Ballroom Dance Lessons

Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center every Monday, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Party Bridge

Rutland, All levels of bridge players welcome. Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Line Dancing

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Thursday, June 7, 2001

Zero Gravity offers summer camps

Zero Gravity Skate Park is now open. While school is in session the following days and times will be offered: Wednesday through Friday, from 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Once school is out, the park will be open from Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 775-7976; e-mail: zgravsk8@aol.com; Web site: zgravsk8.com. Zero Gravity Skate Park is located at Giorgetti Park, off Oak Street Extension.

The Zero Gravity Skate Park, in conjunction with the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, is offering a host of summer camps and clinics. Registration for these programs is on-going at the Dana Recreation Center, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

◆ Two sessions of **Learning to In-Line Camp** will be offered: Session I is June 18-22, and Session II is July 23-27. Camps are open to students ages 7 and older, and run from 9 a.m. to noon.

The training advantage that in-line offers is its multi-sport diversity. A person's basic athletic skills and

enjoyment are greatly increased. Campers will improve faster and have more fun doing it.

The activities include basic and cross country skating, street hockey, downhill skating and skateboarding. The fee is \$60 through June 6 for Session I, and July 11 for Session II. Thereafter, the fee is \$70. Non-residents add \$8 to the fees.

◆ **Roller Hockey Camp** is June 25-29, and is open to students ages 7 and up. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon. This camp is organized around increasing basic skills of skating and stick-handling in a fun, cross-training approach. All skating skills will be stressed throughout the week, with the hockey skills of passing, shooting and stick-handling emphasized.

The camp fee through June 13 is \$60; thereafter, it is \$70. Non-residents should add \$8 to the fees.

◆ **Skateboard Extreme Camp** will offer two sessions of camp: Session I runs July 9-13, and Session II is July 30-Aug. 3. Both camps run from 9 a.m. to noon, and are for ages 7 and older.

The camp is for all levels of skateboarders. All aspects of tricks, grinds, jumps, pipes, equipment

selection, maintenance, physical and mental preparations will be emphasized.

The fee is \$60 through June 27 for Session I, and through July 18 for Session II. Thereafter, the fee is \$70. Non-residents should add \$8 to the fees.

◆ Two sessions of **Mountain Bike Camp** will be offered. Session I is July 9-13, and Session II is July 30-Aug. 8. The camp is open to students ages 10 and older, and runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hit the trails and learn the fine points of mountain biking. This will be a hands-on-the-handle-bar experience. The first day starts at 8 a.m. with a bicycle check.

If you need to rent a bicycle, you must contact Zero Gravity at 775-7976 in advance of the program.

Fees are \$60 for residents through June 27 for Session I, and July 18 for Session II. Thereafter, the fee is \$70. Non-residents should add \$8 to the fees.

Campers need to bring a water bottle and helmet.

◆ Two sessions of **In-Line Aggressive Camp** will be offered for students age 8 and older, from 9 a.m. to noon. Session I is held

July 16-20, and Session II is Aug. 6-10.

The camps' goals are to expose each skater to a wide range of beginner and intermediate aggressive skating skills and tricks. Safe, proper techniques will be taught for all the various ramps, rails, grinds, grabs and verbs.

The camp fee through July 5 for Session I, and July 25 for Session II, is \$65. Thereafter, the fee is \$75. Non-residents add \$8 to the fees.

◆ **Extreme Adventure Camp** will be held Aug. 13-17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is open to students ages 7 and up.

This camp has been specifically designed to introduce area young people to the joy of experiencing and participating in the lifelong pursuit of play, fitness, skills and fun.

Each day, a different grouping of sports will be presented, taught and experienced, ranging from mountain biking, wall climbing and tubing to swimming and in-line skating sports. The camp fee through Aug. 1 is \$105. Thereafter, the fee is \$115. Non-residents add \$8 to the fees.

◆ There is an on-going **Children's Play Group** held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Dana Recreation Center for parents and children from birth to age 6.

◆ Registration is on-going for Rutland City's **Creative Playground** programs at the Dana Recreation Center located at 39 East Center Street. The program is open to children from 3 - 5 years of age. Two sessions will be offered at the Rotary Field House from 9 a.m. to noon. Session I is from June 18-29 and is \$67 for early registration by June 8, \$75 thereafter. Session II is from July 2 - 13 and is \$68 through June 22, \$68 thereafter. Non-residents should add an additional \$8 to fees.

◆ Registration is on going for **Rutland City Day Camp Programs** at the Dana Recreation Center located at 39 East Center Street. Camp Danamore is open to students going into grades 1-3 and Camp Pine Hill for students entering Grades 4-6. Dates are: Session I: June 18-29; Session II: July 2-13; Session III: July 16 - 27 and Session IV: July 30 - August 10. For more info or to register, contact the Dana Recreation Center.

Wanted: TLC City parks need help

By BRENT CURTIS
Herald Staff

Eighteen-year-old Kate Murphy remembers growing up playing baseball, football and other sports on the well-kept fields at Rotary Park in Rutland City.

Unfortunately, she said, the park looked better in her mind's eye than it did in real life on Thursday.

The baseball diamond, basketball and tennis courts and playground area she remembered were the same. But the tufts of grass springing up through the cracked courts, some of which were closed to the public, were new.

"I had an image of Rotary and it's changed," Murphy said. "It wasn't this bad before."

Rotary isn't the only city park in need of repairs, Rutland Recreation Director EJay Bishop said last week.

"Rotary has the most dire needs, but there's work and maintenance that's needed at all of our parks," he said.

But there's not enough money in the recreation budget to fix and maintain the city's seven parks, Bishop said.

To get caught up, he's turning to the public for help by reintroducing a program known as Adopt A Park.

Introduced four years ago by former Recreation Director Leif Dahlin, the adoption program seeks to attract businesses, organizations, service



Weeds growing up through a tennis court are visible through a hole in a fence at Rotary Park.

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Rutland rec

Programs being offered by the Rutland Recreation Department:
A flag football camp, for students entering grades 5-8 in the fall, will be held July 16-20 at Flaitz Field/RIS gym in Rutland. Rutland High School football coach Mike Norman will run the camp. The fee is \$55 before July 5, \$65 after that. Non-residents add \$8.

Rutland City Soccer Camp will be held at Alumni Field from July 9-13, from 9 a.m.-noon. The camp is open to students age 7 to 14 and is under the direction of Rich Alberti, Bob Kennedy and Mike Kinsler. Sessions will be offered for ages 7 to 10 and 11 to 14. The fee for Rutland residents through June 25 is \$55 and \$65 thereafter. Non residents add \$8. There is an optional \$10 fee for a ball, campers must bring a ball to camp.

Rutland City Track Camp, under the direction of Rutland Raider coach Greg McClallen, is open to students ages 6 to 14 and will be held July 2-13. There will be no session on July 4 but it will be made up on July 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. Fee for Rutland Residents is \$49 through June 20 and \$59 thereafter.

Registration for these programs is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center at 39 East Center St.

Youth Leagues

Rutland County Junior League
Rutland Town 10, Castleton 7. Team effort.

Youth Leagues

Town and Country League
Barstow Marlins 10, Rutland Town Dodgers 3. Winning pitcher: Justin McMahon. Hitting stars: Sam Reynolds, Andrew Pryor.

Rutland County Junior League
Lenny's Bombers 11, Mill River 3. Winning pitcher: Steve Shortle. Hitting star: Team effort. Post 31 14, Rutland Town 5. Winning pitcher: Brian Citro. Hitting stars: Pat Gilligan and Ernie Bove.

Castleton 20, Fair Haven Red 4. Winning pitcher: Andrew Spanos. Hitting: Team effort. Fair Haven Blue 15, Poutney 5. Winning pitcher: Mike Wood. Hitting: Team effort.

Parks: City recreation areas need sprucing up

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clubs and individuals to donate their time and money for improvements at one of the parks.

Bishop said he hopes to breathe new life into a program that has faded away.

"My goal is to resurrect that concept," Bishop said. "We're hoping people will step forward and help with contributions of their money or their time and labor. We need all the help we can get."

The program enjoyed some strong support in the past, most notably from Roy Thomas, a city alderman, who Bishop said was the best example of an adoptive "parent" under the program.

Thomas, and his wife Michele, adopted the small playground on Madison Street shortly after the untimely death of their young son

four years ago.

Since then, the pair have raised money and pitched in to work on several improvements. Roy Thomas said last week that his family had raised \$20,000 in contributions, materials and donated work for improvements at the park over the years.

The couple regularly cleans the park and plants flowers as well.

They renamed the playground the Justin Thomas Memorial Park, in memory of their 2-year-old son, who died from meningitis.

"We really adopted the park," Thomas said. "The city does the day-to-day things there like mowing the grass, but we do everything else."

Participation on a smaller scale can be arranged, Bishop said.

"There's small projects and big projects that people could help in at every city park," he said.

At Giorgetti Park, officials would

like to upgrade the dugouts and fix the fencing around the baseball field.

"All we need is funding and some volunteer labor to bring that project to life," he said. "I'm not saying the community needs to solve everything, but any way that people can help out would be greatly appreciated."

Bishop said his department did have quite a bit of repair work slated for the summer.

Most of the repairs will be done to Monsignor Park on Meadow Street where Bishop said the tennis and basketball courts would be resurfaced and the playground equipment would be upgraded.

The backboards and rims at Rotary would be replaced and, if possible, some of the playground equipment would be replaced.

But that's a small part of what Bishop said is a long list of needed

projects at virtually all the parks.

In addition to the baseball field at Giorgetti, Bishop said much of the playground equipment needed replacing.

At Pine Hill Recreation Area, work is needed on trails used for hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing.

The playground equipment at the River Street playground is old and unsafe, Bishop said, adding that new benches, a water fountain and new fencing also are needed.

The pockmarked tennis courts at Rotary have been locked for some time due to safety concerns, he said. The basketball court also needs to be resurfaced, the playground equipment replaced and drainage work needs to be done.

Only White Memorial Park, which has had recent upgrades to its playing fields, courts and pool, has little need of repairs, he said.

Summer aquatics programs available

Registration is now ongoing for the Rutland Recreation Department's summer aquatics programs. Sign up at the office on 39 East Center St.

Four sessions will be offered in Pres-school and Red Cross Level 1-7 lessons.

Session I begins June 18. Session II begins July 2. Session III begins July 16. Session IV begins July 30.

Diving lessons will be offered from June 18 to June 29. Cost for lessons is \$15 for residents and \$23 for non-residents.

A swim team is offered for swimmers of all abilities begin-

Ten Commandments ban preserved by court

By ANNE GEARAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to hear a case testing whether public display of the Ten Commandments violates the principle of separation of church and state. The decision left in place a ruling that the monument's display was unconstitutional.

The court turned aside an appeal by city officials from Elkhart, Ind., who had lost the church-state fight in lower courts. The dispute was over a granite

marker bearing the biblical commandments that has stood on the lawn of the city office building since 1958.

The court let stand a lower court ruling that the marker violated the constitutional boundaries between church and state. A federal judge will now determine what to do with the monument.

Two Elkhart residents, with backing from the American Civil Liberties Union, had sued to get rid

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City monument believed in compliance

By BRENT CURTIS

Herald Staff

Rutland City officials said Tuesday the Ten Commandments monument in Main Street Park probably didn't trespass on

the boundaries dividing church and state.

The monument, erected in 1964, was donated in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy. The free-standing block

is inscribed with the commandments, a Masonic symbol, a partial American flag, two stars of David and a dedication to

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The Ten Commandments monument in Main Street Park in Rutland.

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Kennedy.

Rutland City Mayor John Cassarino said he didn't know what a lawyer might make of the city's monument, but he didn't think political and religious lines had crossed.

"My gut feeling is it isn't hurting anybody, but that's my opinion," he said.

City Attorney Christopher Sullivan wasn't sure how a federal court would judge the memorial.

But he said that based on the few specifics he knew, the monument didn't violate the Constitution.

"Without knowing the details of other monuments that have gone to court, I'd say our monument is further away from promoting a religion and more of a dedication to Kennedy," Sullivan said.

The Elkhart, Ind., monument, he said, was found to promote Christianity, in part, because it was located just outside that community's city hall.

Rutland City's memorial, while located on city property, was off the beaten path, he said. Rutland's memorial also bore symbols representing other religions, he said, thus showing no preference to a single sect.

Former Mayor Jeffrey Wennberg researched the issue several years ago to make sure the monument did not violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

He decided it didn't because the monument's intent was not to proclaim the city's support of a particular religion, but to honor Kennedy.

However, others have had doubts.

Officials from the Vermont chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union have said the legal definitions for monuments were shaky and interpreted different ways by different courts.

Wednesday

THINGS TO DO

Kilimanjaro

Rutland, City Recreation Department summer concert series begins with Kilimanjaro, Main Street Park, 7 to 9 p.m., free.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

THINGS TO DO

Farmers Market

Rutland, Downtown Farmers Market offers local produce, baked goods and other locally made products, Depot Park, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 483-6396.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Courts closed

The Rutland Recreation & Parks Department advises athletes that the Msgr. Connor basketball and tennis courts will close for refurbishing on June 21 and will be closed for approximately one month.

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Line Dancing

Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, preregistration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

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municipal fines for skateboarding in city property and for having a car stereo cranked too loud in the downtown district, both violations of city ordinances.

Officials also have given people countless warnings.

"It's a quality of life issue," Geno said. "They're bothering a lot of people."

But some teenagers think they're the ones being bothered.

"If you walk down the street with more than four people, they (police) think you're a gang," said Charles Hawkins, a local teenager who was hanging out in Depot Park recently with a group of his friends. "You can't even be popular in this town without someone calling the cops."

Hawkins and his friends said they have had several brushes with police recently. Most of them occur in Depot Park, where the

group had gathered to skateboard and play with a video camera.

Some teenagers said they have been fined for skateboarding in the park. Another, who did not give his name, said he had several trespassing notices served against him.

"I get arrested if I go over there," he said, pointing to the nearby Wal-Mart parking lot.

The teenagers said they go to the park to skateboard and socialize. But they said they don't bother anyone and just keep to themselves.

"We just want to skate," said Dylan Lynch, 12, of Rutland.

Lynch said he and his friends don't go to the Zero Gravity skateboard park in Giorgetti Park because the \$12 daily admission is too much.

Instead, they go wherever they can and usually end up in Depot Park where police are bound to

see them.

"Some (of the police officers) are really cool. They drive by and think nothing of it that we're here," said James Young, 16, of Rutland. "Others can be really rude. They don't give us a break."

Still, some people feel the teenagers don't give them a break.

One downtown merchant

asked that his name not be used because he did not want his business targeted for pranks.

"If I say anything, I might get vandalized," he said.

But he acknowledged he hasn't had any problems with teenagers.

"We haven't seen any problems," he said. "But we like it if they move along."

Bailey, the bank vice president, had a different answer.

"I don't know why you build a park if you don't want kids hanging out in it," he said.

Park: Teen activities questioned

Park problems



Youths (from left) Pup Shortsleeves, Christine Flandres and Ben Bushman watch a video off a camcorder in Rutland's Depot Park.

Teens issued trespassing notices

By DAMIAN PAGANO
Herald Staff

Doug Bailey doesn't mind that teenagers hang out on the stoop of the bank where he works as long as they don't bother anybody.

"If they're not hurting anyone, I don't really see a problem," he said.

Bailey, a vice president with First Vermont Bank and the man-

ager of the Merchants Row office, has asked the teenagers to move along on occasion because they were blocking the bank entrance.

"They were polite about it when I asked," he said Wednesday. "One of them got a little wise, but the others were very cooperative. I haven't had any problems."

But not everyone feels the same way.

Rutland City Police have stepped up efforts to make sure Depot Park, the Rutland Shopping Plaza and surrounding areas, including the parcel that is home to the bank, are free of troublemakers and lawbreakers.

They have taken what they said is a "proactive approach" to keeping the spot free of any bad elements. That approach includes

regular patrols in the area and an emphasis on maintaining peace and quiet, Lt. Kevin Geno said.

To that end, police have issued about 30 trespassing notices, which forbid people from entering the park or the adjacent shopping plaza.

They have also issued several

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Be welcoming
to teens 6/22

Kudos to Doug Bailey of First Vermont Bank for speaking up for the kids who are hanging out downtown and to the policemen who "are really cool." Obviously the kids who are downtown need someplace to congregate, and if Depot Park isn't the place, then where? Keeping the noise down is understandable, but congregating and skateboarding can be an active pastime for our youth and better to damage a little cement than to try to keep these kids out of sight. If you want to make a rule, how about requiring them to wear safety helmets?

Who are the "bad elements" we are trying to keep Depot Park free of? What about "It takes a community to raise a child" or "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted." (Garrison Keillor). How hard have we challenged ourselves to set some sort of example that these kids might aspire to and not something that causes them to become more disenfranchised with society?

BARBARA LALANCETTE
Rutland

Summer Sounds start in Depot Park

A summer of fun in downtown Rutland is set to begin on Friday, June 29, with Summer Sounds in Depot Park.

Distant Thunder has recently gained recognition as a rock band after having spent six years as a country band. But as there were fewer and fewer places to play, they decided to change their focus to rock.

They do covers of songs from the 1960s right up through the '90s, with originals from their own CD. Billy Joel, Mitch Ryder, Wilson Pickett, Bon Jovi, Van Morrison and Guns 'N' Roses are among the many names on Distant Thunder's play list.

A major part of the band's show is the dancing with the audience and good-natured joking around by the members of the band — Dennis and Debbie Bonanza, drummer Greg Coolidge, guitarist and singer Christopher Palutto, and bassist John Young.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge
Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436. 6/27

Party Bridge
Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853. 6/25

Tennis

The Godnick Center is sponsoring a Summer Doubles Tennis League for players 50 and over. Play will begin on July 11 at White's courts from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for 10 weeks.

John Petz will lead the program. The fee is \$20 for residents and \$27 for non-residents. For more information, call 773-1853. 6/27

Monday

THINGS TO DO

Ballroom Dance
Rutland, Mario and Mary-Anne Liguori teach at Godnick Adult Center, 7:30 p.m., \$6 per couple, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853. 6/25

Youth Leagues

Junior Babe Ruth
(Monday) Rutland Exposé 6, Rutland Post 31.4
Winning pitcher: Rob Turner. Hitting stars: Sean McGraw.

Senior Babe Ruth
Brandon-Pittsford 10, Rutland Town 0. Winning pitcher: Tyler Dahlin. Hitting stars: Dahlin and Joe Desabrais. 6/27

Rutland Recreation & Parks Department Registration for Summer Sports Camps

Registration is on-going at the Recreation Department Office at 39 East Center Street for the following sports camps.

Track Camp will be held from July 2 - 13, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Rutland High School Alumni Track

and gym. The camp is under the direction of Greg McClallen and is open to students aged 6 to 14. Camp will not be held on July 4, but will be made up on July 7 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The camp is held prior to the Hershey Track Meet, which

takes place in Colchester, Vermont, on July 14. Resident fee is \$49 through June 20; thereafter it will be \$59. Non-residents add \$8 to the fees.

Soccer Camp will be held July 9 - 13 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at the Rutland High School Alumni Field and gym. The camp will be under the direction of Rich Alberti, Bob Kennedy and Mike Kinsler and is open to

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Youth Leagues

Rutland County Junior League
Big Lenny's Bombers 12, Rutland Town 0: Winning pitcher, Bryan Gee. Hitting, team effort.
Post 31 18, Fair Haven 4: Winning pitcher, Kevin O'Rourke. Hitting, team effort.
Ludlow 13, Poughney 9: Winning pitcher: Tim Olesky. Hitting: Team effort.
Castleton 10, Manchester 8: Winning pitcher, Jason Clement. Hitting star, Kevin Barker.

City champs

Censor Security, which completed an undefeated season, is the 2001 Rutland City Minor League baseball champion. Team members were Mark Comstock, Zak Gallagher, Curtis Garrow, Kyle Horvath, T.J. Mumford, Brian O'Rourke, Chris Reedy, Jim Sullivan, David Thar, Leighton Thayer, and Stephen Tyl. The team was coached by Chris Horvath and Bill O'Rourke.

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students age 7 to 14. Two sections will be offered: Section A for ages 7 to 10 and Section B for ages 11 to 14. Individual techniques, small group instruction, six on six games and full side matches will be offered. Rutland resident fee is \$55 through 27 and \$65 thereafter. Non-residents add \$8 to the fees. There is a \$10 optional fee for a ball, but participants must bring a ball to camp.

Baseball Camp will be held at Msgr. Connor Park, July 2 to 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for students 9 - 12 years of age. The program will be held the 4th of July. If there is a rainout - it will be made up that Friday. The camp will be under the direction of Director Stan Blicharz and Assistant Director Kevin Bellomo. Camp will involve drills that develop technique and basic baseball skills. Participants will work on offensive and defensive strategies in game situations. Bring a lunch! Resident fee is \$55 through June 20 and \$65 thereafter. Non-residents add \$8 to the fee.

Pre-Season Soccer Camp will be held under the direction of Mike Kinsler and area coaches. It is open to stu-

dents entering grades 7 to 12 in the fall. The camp will be held at Rutland High School Alumni Field and gym from August 6 - 10, 4:14 to 8:15 p.m. Focus will be physical and mental preparation, technical ball skills, game tactics and strategies, followed by game play. Rutland resident fee through June 25 is \$65; thereafter the fee is \$75.00. Non-residents add \$8 to fees. There is a \$10 optional fee for a ball; but all participants must bring a ball to camp.

Summer overture



James Cassarino conducts the Rutland City Band Sunday evening in the first concert of the band's 125th season. The band performs in Main Street Park on Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

VYTO STARINSKAS / RUTLAND HERALD

Officials unsure what to cut from city budget

By BRENT CURTIS
Herald Staff

Some Rutland City aldermen would like to trim a proposed \$11.7 million city budget, up 8 percent from this year.

But so far, they haven't been able to agree on what to take out.

"The way people are lining up, no one's agreeing on what to cut,"

"You've got a city department that's paying for itself. Why would you want to cut it?"

Alderman Sharon Davis

board President Christopher Louras said Tuesday. "The way things are going, this budget is

going to pass as is."

Louras made his observations at the end of a 90-minute Recre-

ation Committee meeting where the main topic of discussion was whether to keep or cut a \$25,932 request to hire a recreation program director.

Mayor John Cassarino's budget includes hiring two police officers and a dispatcher to help fight a local war on heroin and other drugs. It also includes hiring a fire-

fighter, the first of five the mayor hopes to hire back over time to replace five firefighters who accepted early retirement last year.

Other proposed new positions include a clerk in the treasurer's office and a street worker for the Department of Public Works.

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The proposed hirings account for a sizeable amount of the budgetary increase. Hikes in fixed costs, health coverage and worker compensation expenses represented the bulk of the remainder.

The budget is now being reviewed in aldermanic committees, where cuts can be made, but no increases.

The charter requires that a city budget be adopted by June 30.

Louras said during the meeting Tuesday that the board might have to scratch some of the proposed hires.

He wondered if the Recreation Department could make a tough choice — either cut the new program director's position or freeze wage increases in the department.

He was supported by Alderman Gregory Thayer, who said he didn't think the city should hire any new employees unless they're needed for public safety.

But the five-member Recreation Committee, whose membership didn't include Louras or Thayer, voted unanimously to

recommend the entire recreation budget without changes.

Alderman Michael Coppinger, a committee member and recreation director for the town of Killington, said the city's Recreation Department had been underfunded for years. He said it was time to make an investment in the department — especially in light of rising drug use locally.

"During the elections, we talked about facing the drug problem head on. Now we have an opportunity to make serious changes and you want to shoot it down," he said. "We said one thing to the people of Rutland, now we're saying something else."

The cost of the new position also seemed to be worth the price to committee members.

Recreation Superintendent EJay Bishop said his department could generate \$52,000 more in revenue next year if the new position were created.

Overall, Bishop's proposed budget is up \$44,000 over this year.

"You've got a city department that's paying for itself. Why would you want to cut it?" Alderman Sharon Davis said.

While the recreation position survived, several board members have said the city needed to reduce its expenditures or risk

spending beyond its means in the not-too-distant future.

At a Finance Committee meeting Tuesday night, Alderman Kevin Jones, the group's chairman, said he was worried that accounting changes — that will affect the city over the next three years — could push city spending beyond revenues.

City Treasurer Ronald Graves told committee members that the city had the means to stay within the charter tax limit of 85 cents per \$100 of assessed property until 2003, thanks to reserve funds made available under the accounting changes.

After that, however, the city would either need to cut spending or find new forms of revenue to stay within the charter limit.

"I want the board to be involved in this," Graves said. "These changes will affect more than my department, they'll affect everything and we should be thinking now about what we should do."

Jones said the city should think about the changes now — starting with the proposed budget.

"We need to cut our spending now so we don't run up against this in three years," he said.

"We shouldn't be spending money that we don't know whether we'll have."

Kiwanis thankful for support

The Rutland Kiwanis Club would like to thank the members of the greater Rutland community for their support, purchasing tickets for the recent Cash-giveaway fund-raiser at the College of St. Joseph on Saturday, June 2. Due to everyone's involvement, this was a tremendous success.

Our club's fund-raiser becomes the platform to work off of in the upcoming year. For those who may not be aware, Kiwanis plays a large part in our community by putting forth some very important programs, and supporting various special needs of some less fortunate children and families. In addition, Rutland Kiwanis sponsored the cost of training one of the Rutland City Police Department canines, which was recently featured in the paper. Other programs that have recently been run within the community were the Bike Safety Rodeo for children, the Fishing Derby at Combination Pond, a "Learn to Swim" program at VAC pool, and many other events throughout the year.

Again, thank you for your generous support, and if any community members would like to become involved with the Rutland Kiwanis Club, meetings are held every Monday a 6:30 p.m. at Sabby's on Center Street.

BRUCE ATKINSON
(President,
Kiwanis Club)
Rutland

Rutland Rec Dept offering day camp

The Rutland Recreation Department has openings in its remaining three sessions of Day Camp Registration for camps is ongoing at the Dana Recreation Center located at 39 East Center St.

Camp Danamore is open to students going into grades 1 to 6 and Camp Pine Hill is for students entering grades 4 to 6. Regular camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but extended hours are offered at a slightly higher fee.

Another session option is the choice of a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Dates for the remaining three sessions are:

Session II: July 2 to 13 with a theme of "Under the Big Top."

Session III: July 16 to 27 with a theme of "Around the World."

Session IV: July 30 to Aug. 10 with a theme of "Animals, Animals, Animals."

Transportation for both camps will be available from locations around the city. Maps will be available prior to the camps.

The Rutland resident camp fee

for the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. time slot for a full two-week session is \$70; the non-resident fee is \$78. For those wishing to attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday only, the resident fee is \$55 and non-resident fee is \$63.

If you do not register by the Wednesday prior to the beginning of the camp, there is an additional \$10 fee.

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Line Dancing

Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Big band dances starting Saturday

The Rutland Historical Society is entering its fourth season of playing the sounds of the big bands for dancing and listening enjoyment.

The recorded music of 18 big bands will be heard at the Godnick Center in Rutland on Saturdays from 7 to 9 p.m., starting June 30 and continuing to Aug. 25.

The society's role of preserving the history of the community includes preserving the music of the big band era, along with an opportunity to dance to the great music. Those who have danced to the music of the big bands can appreciate how great it was.

People of all ages are invited to share an evening reviving memories or enjoying new experiences. It's free and so is the punch and lemonade.

The Saturday Big Band Dance Program includes:

- ◆ June 30, Les Brown and Count Basie.
- ◆ July 7, Tommy Dorsey and Louis Armstrong.
- ◆ July 14, Duke Ellington and Glen Gray.
- ◆ July 21, Billy Vaughn and Benny Goodman.
- ◆ July 28, Les Elgart and Jan Savitt.
- ◆ Aug. 4, Enoch Light and Harry James.
- ◆ Aug. 11, Sammy Kaye and Charlie Barnet.
- ◆ Aug. 18, Glenn Miller and Woody Herman.
- ◆ Aug. 25, Artie Shaw and Billy May (all swing).

Senior Babe Ruth

Mill River 4, Brandon-Pittsford 1
Winning pitcher — Zach Wood. Hitting Stars — team effort.

Summer sounds

Today, the Summer Sounds series in Depot Park in Rutland begins with a free concert by Distant Thunder. The concert is from 7 to 9 p.m. rain or shine. For more information, call 773-9380.



Battle over city's budget bulge gets hot at City Hall

By BRENT CURTIS
Herald Staff

Rumblings over a proposed \$11.7 million city budget came to a head in heated debate between Rutland City aldermen Monday night.

Mayor John Cassarino's budget is up 8 percent from this year —

an increase that some aldermen have found hard to swallow.

But the majority of aldermen support the increases and several members defended the cost increases during the board's regular meeting Monday night.

"We've read in the papers and heard in committees that this budget has increased 8 percent," Alderwoman Sharon Davis said.

■ Day of decision

5:30 p.m. Thursday: Aldermen expect to vote on the budget.

"I think the public needs to be aware that 5 percent of those increases represent fixed costs. New line items, which are spent 90 percent on public safety, accounts for just 3 percent."

The majority of the board agreed with her. Aldermen Paul

Barbagallo, Joe Tilden, Cheryl Hooker, Michael Coppinger, Roy Thomas and William Gillam

said in interviews Monday they would vote to approve the budget.

"Shame on us if we don't pass this budget," Coppinger said at the meeting. "This is my first budget and I've been frustrated with the

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Evening in the park



An elderly couple catches up on the news while listening to live jazz fusion at a Kilimanjaro concert Wednesday evening in Main Street Park in Rutland.

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whole process. We need to invest in the city but I've heard some aldermen who want to go back on what we promised only a few months ago."

But a handful of board members said they're worried that the city might be spending more than it can afford over the long term.

In a letter to the mayor, Alderman Gregory Thayer pointed to requests for new positions in the Department of Public Works, the Recreation Department and the treasurer's office as examples of "irresponsible spending."

"I don't think we should be hiring new positions when last year, voters rejected a 10-cent increase (on the 85-cent charter limit)," Thayer said Monday.

"I agree with hiring people in the police and fire departments, but I don't think we should be spending when we don't know where the national economy or our local economy is heading."

Thayer's views are shared to some degree by Alderman Kevin Jones and board President Christopher Louras, who worried that the city couldn't sustain the proposed level of spending.

The remaining board member, Alderwoman Betty Ferraro, declined to comment on the budget while it was still being scrutinized by city committees. The Public Safety and Finance Committees will do that this week, while the full Board of Aldermen will vote on the budget at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Thayer found himself under attack Monday night when Davis,

Cassarino and other board members derided his letter.

"I resent this budget being called irresponsible," the mayor said, standing on the other side of the rail behind Thayer. "I'm the guy who gets the telephone calls at night when the alarm goes off. I'm the guy who worries that someone's going to get hurt because there's not enough police."

Cassarino said he'd already cut as deep as he dared from every city department.

In the course of putting together the budget, he said he cut \$183,000 in requests from the Public Works budget, \$68,000 from the Police Department, \$61,000 from the Fire Department and \$29,000 from the Recreation Department.

Cassarino told the aldermen that most of the budget inflation was due to increased costs for insurance, health care and other fixed expenses.

The remaining increases come from new hirings and salary increases.

Eight new positions are included in the proposed budget, including two police officers and a dispatcher, a firefighter, a clerk in the treasurer's office, a street worker for the Department of Public Works, a legal secretary and a program director for the Recreation Department.

Cassarino said the city could afford the new positions, thanks to revenues expected from a 1 percent rooms, meals and entertainment tax that will take effect next month.

But Louras and Jones said in interviews that even with the

added revenues, the city was on shaky fiscal ground.

The two aldermen are concerned about \$180,000 in expenses that projected revenues won't cover.

City Treasurer Ronald Graves has said during committee meetings that the hole in the budget would be closed by a combination of operational surplus from this year's budget and using some of \$700,000 in reserve funds that must be used over the next three years.

Louras said that counting on a surplus and temporary funds wasn't sound economic theory.

"We have insufficient revenues to cover our expenditures and we're banking on delinquent taxes that will last only three years to keep the budget in line," he said.

Louras said he supported Cassarino's decision to tighten the city's budget last year when budgets were trimmed and 14 city employees took early retirements.

But this year, he said, the proposed budget tried to move ahead too far, too fast.

Jones said he supported filling positions in the police and fire departments. But he said other positions and salary increases, excluding cost-of-living increases, were unnecessary.

"This is my fourth term and the eighth budget I've seen as a member of the board and this budget has more spending increases than any I've seen," he said.

"It's not responsible to spend at a level we can't sustain. The mayor in one cycle has spent all of the rooms and meals tax increase which I had hoped to see last for several years."

ORGANIZATIONS

Duplicate Bridge

Rutland, Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club plays at Godnick Center, Deer Street, 7 p.m., call Jean Seward at 773-9436.

Chess/Checkers

Rutland, play chess and checkers at Dana Recreation Center, 39 Center St., 7 to 9 p.m., free, all levels welcome.

Party Bridge

Rutland, all levels of bridge players welcome, Godnick Center, Deer Street, 1 to 4 p.m., free, call 773-1853.

Summer Concert

Rutland, Rick Redington plays in Main Street Park, free, 7 to 9 p.m.

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Line Dancing

Rutland, Mary-Anne Liguori teaches at Godnick Adult Center every Friday, 10 a.m., \$2, pre-registration not required, all welcome, 773-1853.

Hands across the water 6/19



Children prepare to push off at White's Pool during the Rutland Recreation Department's summer swimming program on Monday.

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Rose-colored glasses

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Four-year-old Stephen Anderson swims with the aid of his goggles during the Rutland Recreation Department's swimming lesson program, held Monday at White's Pool in Rutland.

Swimmers compete

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Annie Meub, 8, a member of the Rutland Recreation Department's swim team, leaps on Tuesday into White's Pool in Rutland, where more than 100 children competed in a meet with Springfield.